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I.

First Meeting 10th Oct., 1860.

At Aberdeen, and within the Hall of the University, the Tenth day of October, One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty, being the day appointed by Ordinance of the Commissioners under the Act 21 and 22 Victoria, Chapter 83, dated ninth January, eighteen hundred and sixty years, and approved by Her Majesty in Council on the thirtieth of June, for the first meeting of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen.

THE General Council of the University met, pursuant to said Ordinance and to public notice. The Chancellors being absent, and the office of Rector being vacant, the Principal took the chair.

After Prayer, and the reading of the Ordinance of the Commissioners, dated the second day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty years, and approved by Her Majesty by Order in Council dated twenty-seventh August, eighteen hundred and sixty years, regulating the order of procedure in the General Councils of the Universities of Scotland, the General Council proceeded to the election of an Assessor to represent the Council in the University Court during the ensuing period of four years.

A Clerk appointed.

Thereupon the meeting agreed that the Registrar of the University, the Rev. John Fyfe, A.M., should also act as Clerk to this meeting.

The Rev. Dr. Bisset is proposed as Assessor.

Thereafter the Rev. William Paul, A.M., D.D., Minister of Banchory-Devenick, proposed that the Rev. James Bisset, A.M., D.D., Minister of Bourtie, should be elected Assessor; which proposal was seconded by Hugh Fraser Leslie, Esq., of Powis.

Dr. Kilgour is proposed.

James Forbes, Esq., A.M., Kingsland House, Aberdeen, proposed that Alexander Kilgour, Esq., A.M., M.D., Aberdeen, should be elected to that office; which proposal was seconded by Alexander Thomson, Esq., A.M., LL.D., of Banchory.

J. D. Nicol, Esq., is proposed.

David Middleton, Esq., A.M., Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools, proposed James Dyce Nicol, Esq., of Ballogie; which proposal was seconded by Edward Woodford, Esq., A.M., LL.D., Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools.

A show of hands having been taken, the President declared that there appeared to be a small majority in favour of the Rev. Dr. Bisset.

A Poll is demanded.

Thereupon Mr. Forbes demanded a poll for Dr. Kilgour, and Dr. Paul demanded a poll for Dr. Bisset.

Dr. Paul, on behalf of Dr. Bisset, and Mr. Forbes and Dr. Thomson, on behalf of Dr. Kilgour, intimated that, on receiving due notice, they would attend at the summing up of the votes by the Registrar.

Mr. Forbes' Motion against the Library Deposit.

Thereafter, the following Resolution was proposed by James Forbes, Esq., A.M., Kingsland House :—

> "That it is the opinion of the General Council now assembled, that it is for the well-being and prosperity of this University, that, in future, no Money Deposit be required from Members of the University Council on receiving books from the University Library; and that a representation by the meeting, to this effect, be made to the University Court."

This Resolution was seconded by Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M., Advocate, Aberdeen.

Rev. Dr. D. Brown's Amendment.

The Rev. David Brown, A.M., D.D., Aberdeen, proposed the following Resolution, which was seconded by the Rev. George Jamieson, A.M., Old Aberdeen :—

> "That, in the event of the Regulations, with regard to the University Library, not being altered before next Meeting of the General Council, or not being deemed satisfactory, this Council should at its next meeting represent their views on this subject to the University Court."

Mr. Farquhar moves the previous question.

Nathaniel Farquhar, Esq., A.M., Advocate, Aberdeen, moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Rev. Alexander Taylor, A.M., D.D., Minister of Leochel-Cushnie.

On a division, Mr. Farquhar's motion was lost.

Mr. Forbes' motion is carried.

Thereafter, a show of hands was taken on Dr. Brown's Amendment and Mr. Forbes' Resolution, when the latter was adopted by a considerable majority; and it was agreed that the Registrar should transmit a certified Extract of the Minute, relative thereto, to the University Court, whenever it should be constituted.

Thereafter Hugh Fraser Leslie, Esq., of Powis, proposed a vote of thanks to the President, which was seconded by Alexander Kilgour, Esq., A.M., M.D., and unanimously carried.

The President then dissolved the Meeting, with the

Apostolical Benediction, intimating that the next Statutory Meeting of the Council would be held on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday of April next.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL, *President.*
JOHN FYFE, *Registrar.*

II.

April, 1861.

At Aberdeen, within the Hall of the University, the Tenth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-one years, the General Council of the University met.

The office of Chancellor being vacant, the Lord Rector took the chair.

The Duke of Richmond is elected Chancellor.

After Prayer by the Very Reverend the Principal, the General Council proceeded to the election of a Chancellor of the University, whereupon Alexander Anderson, Esq., Lord Provost of Aberdeen, proposed that His Grace the Duke of Richmond should be elected to that office; which proposal was seconded by the Rev. Alexander Low, Minister of Keig, and unanimously carried. Thereupon the Lord Rector declared that His Grace was elected to the Chancellorship.

Mr. Milne protests against the validity of the election of the Rector.

Thereafter, John Duguid Milne, Esq., Advocate, Aberdeen, read the following protest, viz.:—

> "That, while expressing his sense of the high attainments and liberal sentiments of Edward Francis Maitland, Esq., Her Majesty's Solicitor-General for Scotland, he feels called upon, on the Solicitor-General claiming to sit and preside at this meeting as Rector of the University of Aberdeen, to minute a protest, that his taking part in the proceedings of the meeting shall not infer a recognition by the General Council of the validity of his election as Rector, nor of the legality of the clause in the Ordinance of the Commissioners, by which a casting vote in the election of Rector is conferred, in certain events, upon the Chancellor and the Principal."

The Minutes of last meeting of the General Council were then read and approved of.

Deliverance of the University Court anent the Library Deposit.

The Lord Rector thereafter read the Deliverance of the University Court on the Representation made by the last Meeting of the General Council on the subject of the Money Deposit required from Members of Council on receiving books from the University Library, which was to the following effect:—

"At a Meeting of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen, on the 9th day of April, 1861.

"The Representation of the General Council as to the Deposit of Money by the Members of Council for the use of books in the Library of the University was taken into consideration by the Court, and the following Deliverance was pronounced thereon, viz.:—

"The Court concurs in the opinion embodied in the Representation of the General Council in favour of dispensing with the Deposit required on receiving books from the University Library, as soon as suitable regulations shall be made for securing the safety and regular and prompt return of Books.

(Signed) "E. F. MAITLAND,
"Rector."

Mr Forbes' Notice of Motion anent certain Library Rules.

Thereupon, James Forbes, Esq., Merchant, Aberdeen, gave notice that he would move, at next meeting of the General Council:—

"That in addition to the representation made by the Council, at their last meeting, to the University Court, relative to the deposit exacted from Members of the Council on their receiving books from the Library, this meeting would also desire to make representation to the Court, that, in the framing of revised rules for the future management of the Library, the following existing rules require amendment, viz.:—

"1st. The right of the Professors to receive twenty works at one time for their personal use, and also that of granting permanent orders to private friends to receive other twenty works, it being the opinion of the meeting that the latter privilege should be abolished, and that the number of books to be in future given out to Professors for their own use should be more approximated than at present to the number Members of Council are entitled to receive.

"2nd. That the Library Committee shall in future consist of an equal number of members to be appointed by the Senatus and by the University Council.

"3rd. That it is desirable, in order to give members of the University the full benefit of the Library, that a correct Catalogue of the same be printed for circulation amongst them with all possible despatch."

Mr. Milne's Motion on the mode of electing the Rector.

Thereafter, John D. Milne, Esq., Advocate, Aberdeen, read a Petition from 163 Matriculated Students of the University, and then made the following Motion, which was seconded by the Rev. James Fraser, Aberdeen, viz.:—

"The General Council of the University of Aberdeen having taken into consideration:—

"1. That the Universities (Scotland) Act, in constituting the University Court, provides for a certain balance of power among the Members according to the Bodies they represent.

"2. That the Statute provides for the Rector being chosen by the Matriculated Students voting according to the recent usage at Marischal College; but confers no casting vote either on the Chancellor or on the Principal, and that, according to the usage of Marischal College, neither the Chancellor nor the Principal ever exercised or claimed to exercise any such vote.

"3. That serious doubts are entertained of the legality of the Ordinance of the University Commissioners, dated 9th January, 1860, as being *ultra vires* in so far as it confers a Casting Vote on the Chancellor and Principal in the election of Rector, and that the legality of the Ordinance has already been challenged in a Court of Law.

"4. That the Ordinance seriously disturbs the balance of power in the University Court, in as much as in every election where the Procurators' votes are equal, (and judging from the experience of Marischal College, the equality will be of frequent occurrence), it practically transfers the election of the Rector with the indirect election of the Assessor chosen by him, to the representatives of bodies already fully represented in the University Court, and who may thereby (in the teeth of the Statute) acquire an influence in the Court sufficient to swamp all other interests.

"5. That such casting vote is, moreover, inexpedient and dangerous, in as much as, when exercised so as to defeat the candidate supported by the numerical majority of the Students, it gives rise to irritation and resentment on the part of the Students, who are excited by the semblance of power conferred upon them, and find, at the eleventh hour, that power nullified by the Representative of other interests which may be in some respects opposed to their own.

"6. That the deplorable consequences of such a conflict of power have already been painfully illustrated in the short history of this University, and that it appears perilous to the welfare of the Students and to the prosperity of the University, to continue on the Ordinance Book a provision which, viewing the excitement found to be inseparable from all election contests, in whatever community they occur, can scarcely but lead in the future to a repetition of similar manifestations.

"Therefore resolve to represent these considerations

to the University Court, and to request the University Court to take the whole matter into anxious deliberation, and to adopt such steps as may lead to the abrogation of the provision in the Ordinance adverted to, and may lead to the enactment in lieu thereof (so long as the manner of voting by nations and procurators remains law) of an ordinance giving effect, in the event of an equality in the votes of the procurators in the election of Rector, to the voice of the numerical majority of the Students voting in the election.—And the General Council make representation accordingly."

Mr. Macpherson's Amendment.

Norman Macpherson, Esq., Advocate, Edinburgh, proposed the following Amendment, which was seconded by the Rev. David Brown, D.D., Aberdeen, viz. :—

"That instead of representing in terms of Mr. Milne's Motion, a representation be made to the University Court; that in the opinion of this Meeting, the arrangement by which a casting vote is given to the Chancellor, or failing him to the Principal, in the event of an equality of votes of the Nations in the election of the Lord Rector, is objectionable and inexpedient, and, if possible, ought to be altered."

On a show of hands being taken, the Amendment was negatived, and Mr. Milne's Motion was carried.

Mr. Runcy's Motion for the Representation in Parliament of the Scottish Universities.

Charles F. Runcy, Esq., Advocate, Aberdeen, then moved—

"That the Meeting is of opinion that the Scottish Universities should be put on a similar footing with those of England and Ireland, with regard to a Representation in Parliament;" which motion was seconded by Norman Macpherson, Esq., Advocate, Edinburgh, and unanimously carried.

Dr. Beveridge's Motion anent the Natural History Class.

Thereafter Robert Beveridge, Esq., M.B., Aberdeen, made the following Motion, which was seconded by John Humphrey, Esq., of Comalegy, and unanimously carried, viz. :—

"That it be represented to the University Court that, in the opinion of the University Council, the omitting the Class of Natural History from the number of those classes attendance on which is imperative for obtaining a Degree in Arts, is injurious to the interests of education, by discouraging the study of Natural Science, and that a return should be made to the practice formerly prevailing in Marischal College."

Dr. Beveridge's Notice of motion on Extra-Academic Teaching.

Mr. Beveridge also gave notice that at next Meeting of Council, he would move—

"That it be represented to the University Court that the General Council, believing that competition in the profession of teaching is as advantageous to the public

interests as it is in any other profession or business of life, consider that it would be for the benefit of education, and creditable to this University, if the pupils of teachers not being Professors were admitted to the same privileges in the University as the pupils of the Professors."

The Clerk then read an excerpt of a minute of Meeting of the Senatus Academicus, held on the 2nd February, 1861, communicated to the Council by order of the Senatus.

Business-Committee.

James Forbes, Esq., Merchant, Aberdeen, proposed, and the Rev. Alexander Allan, Minister of New Machar, seconded the following motion, which was unanimously carried—

"That the following Members of Council be appointed a Committee to arrange or prepare business for the next Meeting, viz.:—Provost Anderson; William Leslie, Esq., M.P.; the Rev. James Fraser, Aberdeen; the Rev. William Paul, D.D., Banchory-Devenick; James Forbes, Esq., Aberdeen; John D. Milne, Esq., Aberdeen; Nathaniel Farquhar, Esq., Aberdeen; the Rev. James Bisset, D.D., Bourtie; Robert Beveridge, Esq., M.B., Aberdeen; Patrick Cooper, Esq., Aberdeen; George J. Nicol, Esq., M.D., Aberdeen; the Rev. Alexander Davidson, D.D., Aberdeen; Charles F. Runcy, Esq., Aberdeen; Edward Woodford, Esq., LL.D., Edinburgh; the Rev. David Brown, D.D., Aberdeen; John Humphrey, Esq., of Comalegy; William L. Reid, Esq., Aberdeen; David Middleton, Esq., Aberdeen; the Rev. William Duguid, D.D., Glass; Norman Macpherson, Esq., Edinburgh; Hugh Fraser Leslie, Esq., of Powis; and that Provost Andersen be Convener of the Committee."

Mr. Humphrey's Motion for the admission of Reporters to Meetings of the University Court.

Thereafter, Mr. Humphrey made the following Motion, which was seconded by James Forbes, Esq., Aberdeen, viz.:—

"That this Meeting, hearing with regret that a majority of the University Court have decided against the admission of Reporters to their meetings, respectfully represent to the Court the propriety of reconsidering the question."

Mr. Macpherson's Amendment.

Norman Macpherson, Esq., Edinburgh, thereupon proposed the following Amendment, which was seconded by Edward Woodford, Esq., LL.D., Edinburgh, viz.:—

"That it is inexpedient that this Representation be transmitted."

The Amendment, on being put to the Meeting, was negatived.

The Motion was put and carried.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical benediction. (Signed) E. F. MAITLAND, *Rector.*

III. **October 1861.**

At Aberdeen, in the Hall of the University, the Ninth day of October, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-One years, the General Council of the University met.

The Chancellor being absent, the Lord Rector took the chair.

After Prayer by the Very Reverend the Principal, the Clerk read the minutes of last Meeting, which were approved of.

Deliverance anent the mode of electing the Rector.

The Clerk then read the Deliverance of the University Court on the Representation made by the last Meeting of the General Council in regard to the election of Rector, which was as follows, viz. :—

"At a Meeting of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen, held on the 5th day of October, 1861.

"The University Court having read and considered the Representation of the General Council in regard to the election of the Rector, express their concurrence in the opinion of the Council that a change in the present mode of electing the Rector is expedient and desirable. They feel, however, that beyond giving expression to the opinion of the Court, it is not in their power to give effect to the Representation of the Council."

The Clerk next read the following Deliverance of the University Court, dated also the 5th day of October, 1861, viz. :—

Deliverance anent the admission of Reporters.

"On the Representation by the General Council:—'That this Meeting hearing with regret that a majority of the University Court have decided against the admission of Reporters to their meetings, respectfully represent to the Court the propriety of reconsidering the question.' The Court having considered this Representation, are of opinion that the matter having been recently fully before them, there is not reason to enter upon the renewed consideration of it at present."

Deliverance anent the Natural History Class.

The Clerk then read the Deliverance of the University Court on the Representation made by the last Meeting of the General Council in regard to attendance on the class of Natural History as part of the curriculum necessary to obtain a Degree in Arts, which was as follows, viz. :—

"The Court is of opinion that all candidates for the degree of Master of Arts should attend the class of Natural History as part of the Undergraduate Curriculum, and pass an Examination on the subjects taught in that class previous to obtaining the degree of Master of Arts."

James Forbes, Esq., withdrew the Motion of which he

gave notice at last Meeting of the General Council regarding the management of the University Library. Mr. Forbes withdraws his Motion.

Robert Beveridge, Esq., M.B., moved, in terms of the notice given by him at last Meeting of Council— Dr. Beveridge's Motion anent Extra-Academic Teaching.

"That it be represented to the University Court that the General Council believing that competition in the profession of teaching, is as advantageous to the public interests, as it is in any other profession or business of life, consider that it would be for the benefit of education, and creditable to this University, if the pupils of teachers not being Professors were admitted to the same privileges in the University as the pupils of the Professors."

This motion was seconded by John Duguid Milne, Esq.

Edward Woodford, Esq., LL.D., proposed the following Amendment, which was seconded by Samuel Davidson, Esq., M.D., viz. :— Dr. Woodford's Amendment.

"That it is premature and inexpedient to place the pupils of private tutors in Arts on the same footing with those that have passed through the University Classes before due trial has been made of the University as now equipped, in competition with the other Universities of Scotland, and without ascertaining whether these Universities will co-operate with us in such a measure."

The Rev. Charles M'Combie, LL.D., moved the following Amendment, which was seconded by the Rev. William S. Watt, viz. :— Dr. M'Combie's Amendment.

"That the Council decline to transmit the Motion made by Robert Beveridge, Esq., A.M., M.B., to the University Court."

Dr. M'Combie's Amendment was put to the Meeting, and was negatived.

Dr. Woodford's Amendment was put to the Meeting, and was negatived.

Mr. Beveridge's Motion was then put to the Meeting, and was carried.

James Forbes, Esq., postponed till next Meeting of Council the motion of which he had given notice, in regard to Ordinances of the Universities' Commissioners, and Resolutions of the University Court or Senatus being laid before the next Meeting of the General Council, to be entered in the Minutes of the Meeting. Mr. Forbes postpones his Motion.

George Carr, Esq., M.D., proposed as follows, viz. :— Dr. Carr's Motion anent University Accounts.

"That it be represented to the University Court, that the General Council consider it advisable that an Annual Statement of the Income and Expenditure of the University should be made public."

This motion was seconded by Samuel Davidson, Esq., M.D., and was put to the Meeting, and carried.

Mr. Milne's Notice of motion anent the Library Site.

John Duguid Milne, Esq., gave notice that, at next Meeting of the General Council, he would move :—

"To make representation to the University Court, that the University Library, if removed to the University Buildings at Aberdeen, would be much more accessible to readers resident at the Seat of the University, as well as to readers resident at a distance."

Dr. Woodford's Notice of Amendment on that motion.

Edward Woodford, Esq., LL.D., gave notice that, at next Meeting of Council, he would move as an Amendment on Mr. Milne's Motion :—

"That the arrangement made by the University Commissioners, and confirmed by the Queen in Council, whereby the General Library shall remain where it has hitherto been kept, and where the united classes in Arts and in Divinity are to be taught, while those portions of it especially appropriated to the studies of Law and Medicine shall be placed in the Buildings where the classes in these Faculties are appointed to meet, is better adapted to the proper and primary objects of the University."

Mr. Humphrey's Notice of motion anent Local Examinations.

John Humphrey, Esq., gave notice that, at the next Meeting of Council, he would move as follows, viz. :—

"The propriety of considering how far Middle Class Examinations are likely to work beneficially in our University, as they have done in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge."

Business-Committee.

James Forbes, Esq., moved ;—

"That the following Members of Council be appointed as a Committee to arrange or prepare business for the next Meeting of Council, viz. :—Provost Anderson ; Mr. Leslie, M.P. ; the Rev. Dr. Paul ; Jas. Forbes, Esq. ; John D. Milne, Esq. ; the Rev. Dr. Bisset ; Dr. Beveridge ; Patrick Cooper, Esq. ; Dr Nicol ; Charles F. Runcy, Esq. ; Dr. Carr ; Dr. Woodford ; the Rev. Dr. David Brown ; Mr. Humphrey of Comalegy ; William L. Reid, Esq. ; David Middleton, Esq. ; the Rev. Dr. Duguid ; Norman Macpherson, Esq. ; and Mr Leslie of Powis ; and further, that Provost Anderson be Convener of the Committee, and that seven be a quorum."

This Motion was seconded by Samuel Davidson, Esq., M.D., and unanimously agreed to.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) E. F. MAITLAND. *Rector.*

In the University Buildings, New Aberdeen, the Ninth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Two years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Lord Rector in the chair.

After Prayer by the Very Reverend the Principal, the Minutes of last Meeting were read and were approved.

Mr. Forbes' Motion for Reports from the Court and Senatus.

James Forbes, Esq., moved, and Dr. Carr seconded:—

"That the Council resolve to represent to the University Court, their opinion that it is desirable that the resolutions and proceedings of the Court and Senatus, on matters relating to the administration of the University, be reported to the Council at their Half-yearly Meetings."

On a division, the Motion was lost, as there voted for it 44, and against it 51.

There were read the following Deliverances made by the University Court on the two Representations made by the last Meeting of the General Council, viz.:—

Deliverance anent Extra Academic Teaching.

"At a Meeting of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen, held on the Eighth day of April, 1862.

"*Inter Alia.*—There was read a Representation made to this Court by the General Council at their Meeting on the 9th of October last, in the following terms, viz.:—

"'It was resolved that it be represented to the University Court, that the General Council believing that competition in the profession of teaching is as advantageous to the public interests as it is in any other profession or business of life, consider that it would be for the benefit of education, and creditable to this University, if the pupils of teachers not being Professors, were admitted to the same privileges in the University as the pupils of the Professors.'

"The Court having considered this Representation, made the following Deliverance thereon, viz.:—

"That whatever may be the opinions of the Members of the Court individually in regard to the subject of this Representation, they feel that at present they have not the power of dealing with the question."

Deliverance anent the Money Accounts of the University.

"Another Representation to the Court by the General Council, at their said Meeting, was read, viz.:—

"It was resolved that it be represented to the University Court, that the General Council consider it advisable that an annual statement of the Income and Expenditure of the University should be made public."

"The Court having considered this Representation, made the following Deliverance thereon, viz.:—

"That until it shall appear whether the University Commissioners shall make any and what Regulations in regard to the accounts connected with the Income and Expenditure of the Universities, this Court considers it to be premature to enter upon the question."

Mr. Milne withdraws his Motion anent the Site of the Library.

John D. Milne, Esq., withdrew the Motion of which he had given notice regarding the accessibility of the University Library, should it be removed to Aberdeen—with the view of bringing it forward at next Meeting of Council.

Mr. Humphrey's Motion anent Local Examinations.

John Humphrey, Esq., moved as follows, viz. :—

"To represent to the University Court the advantage of adopting Middle Class Examinations after the model of Oxford and Cambridge, or as nearly so as the constitution of the University of Aberdeen will admit of the assimilation."

This motion was seconded by Robert Beveridge, Esq., M.B.; was put to the Meeting, and was lost.

Mr. Abel's Motion anent the Natural History Class.

The Rev. John Abel proposed, and the Rev. George Hutchison seconded, the following motion, viz. :—

"That the General Council represent to the University Court the propriety of re-considering their late decision, whereby attendance on the Class of Natural History is made compulsory as part of the curriculum in Arts, and the students are deprived of an option given them by the University Commissioners."

On a division, the Motion was lost, there being for the motion 20 votes, and against it 34.

Dr. M'Combie's Motion anent Class Fees.

The Rev. Charles M'Combie, LL.D., moved as follows :—

"That the Council make representation to the University Court, that an Ordinance issued by the Universities' Commissioners appears in the *Edinburgh Gazette* of Friday the 4th inst. containing certain regulations regarding class-fees calculated to exercise an injurious influence on the interests of the University of Aberdeen, and that the University Court is requested to adopt those measures which may appear to them best fitted to obtain a modification of that Ordinance."

The Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D., seconded this Motion, which was put to the Meeting, and was carried.

Mr. Adam's Motion anent a Library Catalogue.

Robert Adam, Esq., moved :—

"That the Council recommend to the University Court, to take the necessary steps to have a Catalogue of Books belonging to the University prepared and printed for the use of the Graduates and Alumni of the University."

George Grant, Esq., seconded this motion, but after considerable discussion it was withdrawn.

The Rev. William Barrack gave notice that, at the next

Meeting of the General Council, he would move as follows, viz. :— Mr. Barrack's Notice of motion anent the Competition for Bursaries.

"That the Council represent to the University Court, that it is desirable, that in the Competition for Bursaries the total value of each paper prescribed be published, and that the number of marks assigned in each paper to each successful Competitor be made accessible to parties interested."

James Forbes, Esq., moved, and it was unanimously agreed, that the following Members of the General Council be appointed as a Committee to arrange or prepare business for the next Meeting of the Council, viz. :— Business-Committee.

Provost Anderson (Convener); William Leslie, Esq., M.P.; the Rev. Dr. Paul; the Rev. Dr. Pirie; James Forbes, Esq.; John D. Milne, Esq.; Professor Nicol; the Rev. Dr. Bisset; Professor Bain; Dr. Beveridge; Patrick Cooper, Esq.; Dr. Nicol; Charles F. Runcy, Esq.; Dr. Carr; Dr Woodford; the Rev. Dr. David Brown; John Humphrey, Esq.; William L. Reid, Esq.; David Middleton, Esq.; the Rev. Dr. Duguid; Norman Macpherson, Esq.; Hugh Fraser Leslie, Esq.; John F. White, Esq.; and that five shall be a quorum.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) E. F. MAITLAND.

V.

October, 1862.

On the Fifteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-two years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Lord Rector in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Very Reverend the Principal of the University, the Minutes of last meeting were read and adjusted.

There was read the following Deliverance by the University Court, on the Representation by last Meeting of the General Council, 'That an Ordinance issued by the Universities' Commissioners, appears in the *Edinburgh Gazette* of Friday the 4th instant, containing certain regulations regarding Class-fees calculated to exercise an injurious influence on the interests of the University of Aberdeen, and that the University Court is requested to adopt those measures which may appear to them best fitted to obtain a modification of that Ordinance,' viz. :— Deliverance anent Class Fees.

"The Court having taken into consideration the

matter referred to in the Representation, come to the Resolution to fix the Fees payable for a Student's Second Session of Attendance and Study under any of the Professors of Humanity, Greek, and Mathematics at Two Guineas, and find that the Court cannot at present interfere further in regard to the Fees payable by Students."

Mr. Milne's Motion anent the Library Site.

John D. Milne, Esq., moved, and the Rev. Alexander Low seconded—

"To make representation to the University Court that the University Library, if removed to the University Buildings at Aberdeen, would be much more accessible to readers resident at the seat of the University, as well as to readers resident at a distance."

Dr. Woodford's Amendment.

Edward Woodford, Esq., LL.D., moved as an Amendment, which was seconded by the Rev. John Abel:—

"That the arrangement made by the University Commissioners, and confirmed by the Queen in Council, whereby the General Library shall remain where it has hitherto been kept, and where the united Classes in Arts and Divinity are to be taught; while these portions of it especially appropriated to the studies of Law and Medicine shall be placed in the Buildings where the Classes in these Faculties are appointed to meet, is better adapted to the proper and primary objects of the University."

Mr. Fyfe's Amendment.

Mr. Fyfe moved as an Amendment—

"That the Council do not represent in terms of Mr. Milne's Motion"; which Amendment was seconded by David Robert Morice, Esq., Advocate.

Mr. Fyfe's Amendment was put to the Meeting, and was lost.

Dr. Woodford's Amendment was put to the Meeting, and was lost.

Mr. Milne's Motion was put to the Meeting, and was carried.

Mr. Barrack's Motion anent the Competition for Bursaries.

The Rev. William Barrack moved—

"That the Council represent to the University Court, that it is desirable, that in the Competition for Bursaries the total value of each paper prescribed be published, and that the number of marks assigned in each paper to each successful Competitor be made accessible to parties interested."

This Motion was seconded by John Humphrey, Esq.

Mr. Middleton's Amendment.

David Middleton, Esq., moved as an Amendment—

"That the Council represent to the University Court, that it is desirable, that in the Competition for Bursaries the total value of each paper prescribed be published."

Professor Bain seconded this Amendment, which was put to the Meeting and was lost.

Mr. Barrack's Motion was then put to the vote, and was carried, as there were for the motion 21 votes, and against it 20.

Mr. Annand's Notice of motion anent part of the Library Ordinance.

The Rev. Thomas Annand gave notice that, at next Meeting, he would move—

"That the Council represent to the University Court, that that part of Ordinance No. 68, which statutes and ordains that 'each member of the General Council who has paid all fees necessary to entitle him to act as such, shall, in each year in which he shall have paid a subscription to the Library of ten shillings and sixpence, be entitled to have in his possession at one time four volumes, but not more,' is unreasonable and unjust; and that the Council respectfully request the University Court to co-operate with them in adopting measures for the repeal of said part of said Ordinance."

Business-Committee.

Mr. Humphrey proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that the following Members of Council be appointed as a Committee to arrange or prepare business for the next Meeting of the Council, viz.:—Provost Anderson; William Leslie, Esq., M.P.; the Rev. Dr. Paul; the Rev. Dr. Pirie; James Forbes, Esq.; John D. Milne, Esq.; Professor Bain; Dr. Beveridge; Patrick Cooper, Esq.; Charles F. Runcy, Esq.; Dr. Carr; Dr. Woodford; the Rev. Dr. David Brown; John Humphrey, Esq.; William L. Reid, Esq.; David Middleton, Esq.; the Rev. Dr. Duguid; Norman Macpherson, Esq.; Hugh Fraser Leslie, Esq.; and John F. White, Esq.; that Provost Anderson shall be Convener; and that five shall be a quorum.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) E. F. MAITLAND.

VI.

April, 1863.

On the Fifteenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-three years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met: the Principal in the Chair.

Minute of the University Court anent the Library Site.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved of.

There was read the following communication from the University Court, viz.:—

"At a Meeting of the University Court of the

University of Aberdeen, held on the Fourteenth day of April, 1863.

"*Inter alia*,—There was read a Representation made to the Court by the General Council at their meeting on the 15th October, 1862, in the following words, viz. :—'It was resolved to make representation to the University Court that the University Library, if removed to the University Buildings at Aberdeen, would be much more accessible to readers resident at the seat of the University, as well as to readers resident at a distance.'

"It was moved by Dr. Ogston, 'That the Court express its concurrence in the view embodied in this Representation'; which motion was supported by Dr. Kilgour.

"It was moved by Mr. Webster, 'That the Court do not concur in the propriety and expediency of the course recommended by the Representation;' which motion was supported by the Principal.

"The votes having been taken on these motions and found equal, the Court found itself required by Ordinance No. 11, General, No. 2, to adjourn the consideration of the question 'to a day of which due notice shall be given to the Rector,' and accordingly did and hereby does adjourn the consideration thereof to the Second Tuesday of October next; and instructed the Clerk to give due notice to the Rector."

Deliverance anent the Bursary Competition.

There was read a Deliverance of the University Court made at their said Meeting on the 14th April, 1863, in the following terms, viz. :—

"There was read a Representation from the General Council of the University at their Meeting of the Fifteenth of October, 1862, in the following words, viz.:—'It was resolved, that the Council represent to the University Court, that it is desirable that in the Competition for Bursaries the total value of each paper prescribed be published, and that the number of marks assigned in each paper to each successful Competitor be made accessible to parties interested.'

"The Court having considered this Representation, made the following Deliverance thereon, viz. :—

"The University Court are of opinion, that when the Senatus shall have, after sufficient trial, arrived at a conclusion as to the proportionate values which ought to be assigned to the various branches now included in the Competition of Bursaries, there can be no objection to the publication of the scale of relative value, but the Court disapprove of the publication of the number of marks assigned to each separate Competitor."

The Rev. Thomas Annand was absent from illness, and the Motion of which he had given notice at last Meeting was not brought forward.

Mr. Abel's Motion anent the Natural History Class.

The Rev. John Abel moved, and the Rev. George Hutchison seconded—

"To represent to the University Court, that the regulation which the Court has enacted in order to compel attendance on the Natural History Class is a grievance existing in no other Scottish University, and ought to be rescinded previous to next Session—the period when its operation is intended to commence."

The Rev. John Davidson moved, and James Forbes, Esq., seconded—

"That the Council do not represent in terms of Mr. Abel's motion."

A show of hands having been taken, the President stated that the result appeared to him to be 19 for Mr. Abel's motion, and 64 or 65 for Mr. Davidson's motion.

Mr. Abel's motion was therefore declared to be lost, and Mr. Davidson's to be carried.

Dr. Duguid's Motion anent the Bursary Competition.

The Rev. William Duguid, D.D., moved, and it was unanimously agreed—

"That the Council represent to the University Court that the Competition Test at present adopted by the Senatus be reconsidered; and that the result of the Preliminary Examination should be declared before the commencement of the Bursary Competition."

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed that the following Members of Council be appointed as a Committee to prepare or arrange business for next Meeting of the Council, viz.:—

Provost Anderson (Convener); William Leslie, Esq., M.P.; the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D.; James Forbes, Esq.; John D. Milne, Esq.; Professor Nicol; the Rev. Dr. Bisset; Professor Bain; Dr. Beveridge; Patrick Cooper, Esq.; Charles F. Runcy, Esq.; Dr. Carr; Dr. Woodford; Rev. Dr. David Brown; John Humphrey, Esq.; David Middleton, Esq.; the Rev. Dr. Duguid; Norman Macpherson, Esq.; John F. White, Esq.; Thomas Primrose, Esq.; David Robert Morice, Esq.; Alexander Ross, Esq.; Dr. George Brown; and the Rev. William Barrack; and that five shall be a quorum.

Mr. Humphrey's Motion for approval of Lord Seafield's exertions anent the Redhythe Bursaries.

John Humphrey, Esq., moved, and Charles F. Runcy, Esq., seconded—

"That the Members of the University Council of the University of Aberdeen here present do, of this date, appoint, *in perpetuam rei memoriam*, to be minuted in their Records, their approbation of Lord Seafield's exertions in maintaining the Redhythe Bursaries in their original integrity."

The President's doubts as to its competency.

The President desired it to be recorded—

"That he had great doubts as to the competency of the Council to entertain Mr. Humphrey's motion in accordance with the definition of its powers and functions in the University Act, and that his continuing, in deference to an evident majority of the meeting, to occupy the Chair during the discussion of it, should not be held as an admission of the legality of its introduction, or as a precedent for the future."

Mr. Cooper's Motion.

Patrick Cooper, Esq., moved, and the Rev. John Davidson seconded—

"That the Council do recommend to the University Court to record and transmit to Lord Seafield an expression of thanks for his exertions in preserving the Redhythe Bursaries."

Mr. Jamieson's Motion.

The Rev. George Jamieson moved, and the Rev. David Brown, D.D., seconded—

"That inasmuch as no notice had been given of these Motions, the same be not entertained."

Mr. Jamieson's Motion was put to the Meeting, and was lost.

Mr. Humphrey's Motion was put to the Meeting, and was carried.

Mr. Cooper's Motion was put to the Meeting, and was carried.

Mr. Anderson's Notice of motion anent a University Calendar.

The Rev. Alexander Anderson gave notice, that unless steps shall have been taken by the Senatus Academicus previous to next meeting of Council to publish a University Calendar he will then move as follows, viz. :—

"Seeing that the publication of a University Calendar under the sanction of the Senatus Academicus is a desideratum, the General Council respectfully represent the matter to the University Court, and remit to the Business-Committee to correspond with the University Authorities and others on the subject, and to report as to the result to next Meeting of the General Council."

Mr. Davidson's Notice of motion for a review of the whole Regulations of the University.

The Rev. John Davidson gave notice, that at next Meeting of Council he will move as follows, viz. :—

"Whereas it is provided by the Act 21 and 22 Victoria, cap. 83, § VI. and XIX., that 'It shall be competent to the University Council to take into their consideration all questions affecting the well-being and prosperity of the University, and to make representations from time to time on such questions to the University Court, who shall consider the same, and return to the Council their deliverance thereon; and that any of the Rules, Statutes, and Ordinances to be framed and passed by the University Commissioners may, at any time after the expiration of the

powers conferred on the Commissioners, be altered or revoked by the University Court of the University to which the same are applicable, with the written consent of the Chancellor thereof, and the approval of Her Majesty in Council'; It is moved, that the Council do recommend to the University Court to take into consideration the whole Regulations under which the University is at present conducted, with a view to ascertain the effect which these Regulations have, or are likely to have, upon the discipline of the individual Classes of the University, upon the efficiency of teaching in the Classes, and upon the cost of a University Education at Aberdeen; and having special regard to the question, whether the present scale of Fees and the Bursary arrangements are likely to diminish the number of deserving Students of small means which has hitherto received a College Education at Aberdeen."

Mr. Milne's Notice of motion against the Mode of electing the Rector.

John D. Milne, Esq., gave notice that at next Meeting he will move—

"That the Council renew the Representation made by it to the University Court, of date 10th April, 1861, for an alteration in the Ordinance regulating the election of the Rector in this University."

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction. (Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

VII.

October, 1863.

On the Fourteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-three years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

There were read the three following Deliverances, which the University Court had made at their Meeting on the Thirteenth day of October, 1863, and sent to the General Council, viz.:—

Deliverance anent the Library Site.

I. "The Court having taken into consideration the Representation of the General Council, in regard to the Site of the University Library, which was adjourned from the Meeting held on the 14th April last, made the following Deliverance thereon, viz.:—

"'The Court do not concur in the propriety and expediency of the course recommended by the Representation.'"

Deliverance anent the Bursary Competition.

II. "There was read and considered a Representation, made by the General Council at their Meeting on the 15th day of April last, viz.:—

"'That the Council represent to the University Court that the Competition Test at present adopted by the Senatus be reconsidered; and that the result of the Preliminary Examination should be declared before the commencement of the Bursary Competition.'

"The Court was of opinion that the subject of this Representation may in the meantime be left to the consideration of the Senatus Academicus, and desired the Clerk to communicate this Deliverance to the Senatus."

Deliverance anent Thanks to Lord Seafield.

III. "There was read and considered a Representation made by the General Council at their Meeting on the 15th April last, viz.:—

"'That the Council do recommend to the University Court to record and transmit to Lord Seafield an expression of thanks for his exertions in preserving the Redhythe Bursaries.'

"The Court was of opinion that it is not within the proper province of this Court to give effect to the recommendation in this Representation."

Mr. Anderson's Motion anent publishing a University Calendar.

The Rev. Alexander Anderson moved, and James Forbes, Esq., seconded the following Motion, viz.:—

"Seeing that the publication of a University Calendar, either for this University separately or embracing the four Universities in Scotland, under the sanction of the Senatus Academicus, is a desideratum, the General Council respectfully represent the matter to the University Court, and remit to the Business-Committee to correspond with the University Authorities and others on the subject, and to report as to the result to next meeting of the General Council."

On a division, the Motion was lost, as there voted for it twenty-four, against it twenty-five.

Mr. Davidson's Motion for a review of the whole Regulations of the University.

The Rev. John Davidson moved as follows, viz.:—

"Whereas it is provided by the Act 21 and 22 Victoria, chapter 83, sections VI. and XIX., that 'It shall be competent to the University Council to take into their consideration all questions affecting the well-being and prosperity of the University, and to make representations from time to time on such questions to the University Court, who shall consider the same, and return to the Council their Deliverance thereon; and that any of the Rules, Statutes, and Ordinances to be framed and passed by the University Commissioners may, at any time after the expiration of the powers conferred on the Commissioners, be altered or revoked by the University Court of the University to which the same are applicable, with the written consent of the Chancellor thereof and the approval of Her Majesty in Council;' It is moved that the Council do recom-

mend to the University Court to take into consideration the whole Regulations under which the University is at present conducted, with a view to ascertain the effect which these Regulations have, or are likely to have, upon the discipline of the individual Classes of the University, upon the efficiency of teaching in the Classes, and upon the cost of a University Education at Aberdeen; and having special regard to the question, whether the present scale of Fees and the Bursary arrangements are likely to diminish the number of deserving Students of small means which has hitherto received a College Education at Aberdeen."

This Motion was seconded by Patrick Cooper, Esq.

Dr. M'Combie's Motion.

The Rev. Charles M'Combie, LL.D., moved, and the Rev. George Hutchison seconded—

"That the Council do not transmit to the University Court the Representation proposed by Mr. Davidson."

On a division, Mr. Davidson's Motion was carried, as there voted for it thirty-three, and for Dr. M'Combie's twenty-eight.

Mr. Milne's Motion against the mode of electing the Rector.

John D. Milne, Esq., moved, and the Rev. John Leask seconded—

"That the Council renew the Representation made by it to the University Court, of date 10th April, 1861, for an alteration in the Ordinance regulating the election of the Rector in this University."

A show of hands having been taken, this Motion was carried.

Mr. Forbes' Motion for Library Returns.

James Forbes, Esq., moved—

"To represent to the Court, that it is desirable, in order to enable the General Council to judge of the effects flowing from the Ordinance relative to the University Libraries, that a return should be laid before the Council at its next meeting in April, showing the number of Members of the General Council who received Books from the Library under the Deposit of One Pound, for the year preceding the carrying out of said Ordinance, and the number of Members of the Council entitled to receive Books from the Library under the Ordinance by the annual payment of Ten Shillings and Sixpence or the composition of Five Guineas, for the following year: Also the number of Volumes issued to those parties for the two specified periods; and the number of Volumes issued to the Members of the Senatus Academicus and others under their Orders, for the year preceding the Ordinance, and for the same time since the Ordinance took effect, and the number of those receiving Books under special privilege, for the year

following the Ordinance, and the number of Volumes issued to them."

This Motion was seconded by George Brown, Esq., M.D., and, a show of hands having been taken, was unanimously carried.

Business-Committee.

It was agreed that the following Members of Council be appointed as a Committee to prepare or arrange business for next Meeting of the Council, viz.:—Sir Alexander Anderson (Convener); William Leslie, Esq., M.P.; the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D.; James Forbes, Esq.; John D. Milne, Esq.; Professor Nicol; the Rev. Dr. Bisset; Professor Bain; Dr. Beveridge; Patrick Cooper, Esq.; Charles F. Runcy, Esq.; Dr. Carr; Dr. Woodford; the Rev. Dr. David Brown; John Humphrey, Esq.; David Middleton, Esq.; the Rev. Dr. Duguid; Norman Macpherson, Esq.; John F. White, Esq.; Thomas Primrose, Esq.; David R. Morice, Esq.; Alexander Ross, Esq.; Dr. George Brown; and the Rev. William Barrack; and that Five shall be a quorum.

Dr. Kilgour's Notice of motion anent the Degree of B.A.

Alexander Kilgour, Esq., M.D., gave notice that at next Meeting he will move as follows, viz.:—

"That, as in the learned professions, as well as in some others, the preliminary education of the Student or Candidate must be tested by a special examination, unless he possess a University Degree in Arts; and that, as many Students who leave the University at the end of the Second Session, because despairing of obtaining the Degree of A.M., partly from the length of the curriculum required for it, and partly from the high standard to which the examination for that Degree has of late years been carried, would, it is believed, both of their own inclination, and to the great satisfaction of their relatives and guardians, remain over a Third Session, provided an inferior Degree commensurate with their standing were then open to them, the General Council represent to the University Court that it would be for the interest of the University, and the advantage of the Student, as well as a saving of much time and trouble to other Examining Boards, if the clause in Ordinance No. 14, General, No. 3, Section XVI., which declares 'the Degree of Bachelor in Arts shall not hereafter be conferred' were revoked, and power given to the Senatus to confer that Degree, under such regulations as they may, with the consent of the University Court, judge necessary, on those Students who, at the conclusion of the Third Winter Session, may offer themselves as candidates for it, and are found, on examination, qualified to receive it; and that the Court take the necessary steps under the Statute to effect the revocation of the said clause."

John Duguid Milne, Esq., gave notice that at next Meeting he will move as follows, viz. :— Mr. Milne's Notice of motion to Protest against the Deliverance anent the Library Site.

"That the Council enter on their Minutes a protest against the resolution of the University Court on the Representation made by the Council, of date 15th October, 1862, on the subject of the Site of the University Library."

William Templeton, Esq., M.D., gave notice of the following motion at next Meeting, viz. :— Dr. Templeton's Notice of motion anent Extra-Mural Examinations.

"That the Members of the General Council of this University, in General Council assembled, recommend to the Members of the University Court, to take into their consideration whether it would be for the interests of education in general, and of the University of Aberdeen in particular, with the aid of the Senatus, to devise and carry out a scheme of Examination of those who are not of the University."

George Brown, Esq., M.D., gave notice that at next Meeting he will move as follows, viz. :— Dr. Brown's Notice of motion anent Classes for persons in Business; and Middle-class Examinations.

"1st. That this Council respectfully represents to the University Court the expediency of considering the practicability of organising a curriculum to be carried out by classes taught at such hours or seasons of the year as might enable persons engaged in business to become students; and whether attendance for a given number of sessions should entitle such students to become candidates for Degrees in Arts, or for Certificates of honour and proficiency.

"2nd. Whether the system of Middle Class Examinations adopted by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge might not be attempted by this University, as a means of elevating the character of the Schools and raising the standard of education throughout the country."

The Rev. Alexander Anderson gave notice that at next Meeting he will move as follows, viz. :— Mr. Anderson's Notice of motion for Entrance Examinations.

"That the General Council represent to the University Court, that it is desirable for the Court to adopt measures for preventing young men from attending any class in the Curriculum of Arts, as Public or Gown Students, who are incapable, from deficiency in their previous education, of deriving due advantage from the instructions communicated in that class."

The Clerk laid on the table a copy of the Ordinances of the Scottish Universities' Commissioners, which he had received from the Commissioners for the use of the General Council, and it was agreed that the copy should be on the table during the Meetings of the Council. Copy of Ordinances.

The Meeting was dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

VIII.

April, 1864.

On the Thirteenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-four years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met; the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

There were read the four following Deliverances which the University Court had made at their Meeting on the Ninth day of April, 1864, and sent to the General Council, viz. :—

Deliverance anent a review of the whole Regulations of the University.

I. "There was read a Representation from the General Council of the University, of date 14th October, 1863, in the following words, viz. :—'Whereas it is provided by the Act 21 and 22 Victoria, Chapter 83, Sections VI. and XIX., that 'It shall be competent to the University Council to take into their consideration all questions affecting the well-being and prosperity of the University, and to make Representations from time to time on such questions to the University Court, who shall consider the same, and return to the Council their Deliverance thereon; and that any of the Rules, Statutes, and Ordinances to be framed and passed by the University Commissioners, may, at any time after the expiration of the powers conferred on the Commissioners, be altered or revoked by the University Court of the University to which the same are applicable, with the written consent of the Chancellor thereof, and the approval of Her Majesty in Council: It is moved that the Council do recommend to the University Court to take into consideration the whole Regulations under which the University is at present conducted, with a view to ascertain the effect which these Regulations have, or are likely to have, upon the discipline of the individual classes of the University, upon the efficiency of teaching in the classes, and upon the cost of a University Education at Aberdeen; and having special regard to the question, whether the present scale of Fees and the Bursary arrangements are likely to diminish the number of deserving Students of small means, which has hitherto received a College education at Aberdeen.' The Court

having considered the said Representation, made the following Deliverance thereon, viz. :—

" The University Court are unable to agree to the course recommended in this Representation. No specific representation is made as to evils to be redressed by the Court, and no particular question is indicated for their consideration. In the absence of such special suggestions, the University Court do not see any practical advantage likely to be derived from their engaging in a general review of the whole regulations of the University. The Court are of opinion that it is at least premature to ask them to enter on so wide a field, and that greatly more experience is needed before a trustworthy judgment can be formed on the working of the present system."

Deliverance anent the Mode of electing the Rector.

II. " There was read a Representation from the General Council of the University, dated 14th Oct., 1863, in the following words, viz. :—' It was resolved, that the Council renew the Representation made by it to the University Court, of date 10th April, 1861, for an alteration in the Ordinance regulating the election of the Rector in this University.'

" On this Representation the following Deliverance was made, viz. :—

" The Court renew the expression of their opinion that a change in the present mode of electing the Rector is expedient and desirable; but, as a change would require an alteration, not merely of an Ordinance, but of the Universities (Scotland) Act, and as the matter does not appear to call for immediate consideration, resolve that the Representation shall, in the meantime, lie on the table."

Deliverance anent Library Returns.

III. " There was read a Representation from the General Council of the University, dated 14th Oct., 1863, in the following words, viz. :—' It was resolved to represent to the Court that it is desirable, in order to enable the General Council to judge of the effects flowing from the Ordinance relative to the University Libraries, that a return should be laid before the Council at its next meeting in April, shewing the number of Members of General Council who received books from the Library under the deposit of One Pound, for the year preceding the carrying out of the said Ordinance, and the number of Members of the Council entitled to receive books from the Library under the Ordinance by the annual payment of Ten Shillings and Sixpence or the composition of Five Guineas, for the following year; also the number of volumes issued to those parties for the two specified periods; and the number of volumes issued to

Members of the Senatus Academicus and others under their Orders, for the year preceding the Ordinance, and for the same time since the Ordinance took effect, and the number of those receiving books under special privilege, for the year following the Ordinance, and the number of volumes issued to them.'

"The Court approved of the information desired being laid before the General Council."

Supplement to Deliverances anent the Preliminary Examination and the Marks in the Bursary Competition.

IV. "With reference to the Representations of the General Council, of dates 15th October, 1862, and 15th April, 1863, there were laid before the Court the following Extract Minutes of the Senatus Academicus, respecting, 1st, the Preliminary Examination in the Bursary Competition, and 2nd, the Values assigned to the various subjects embraced in the Competition, viz.:

"'At a Meeting of the Senatus Academicus of the University of Aberdeen, on the Fourth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-four years.

"'*Inter alia*,—The Senatus having taken into consideration the Representation of the General Council of Fifteenth of April last, relative to the Preliminary Examination of Competitors for Bursaries, as communicated to them by a Deliverance of the University Court of Thirteenth October last, resolved that they would make arrangements for intimating the result of the Preliminary Examination as early as possible on the day following the Examination. The Secretary was directed to communicate this Resolution to the University Court, as also the Resolution of Twentieth of December last, with respect to the number of marks assigned to the various subjects at the Bursary Competition.

"'Extracted by
(Signed) "'DAVID THOMSON,
"'*Secretary*.'

"'At a Meeting of the Senatus Academicus of the University of Aberdeen, on the Twentieth day of December, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-three years.

"'*Inter alia*,—On the report of the Faculty of Arts, the following scheme as to the number of marks to be assigned to the various subjects at the Bursary Competition in 1864, was adopted.

"'Latin Version, 400.
"'Latin-English, 150.
"'Greek, 175.
"'English, 175.
"'Arithmetic, 100.
"'Euclid, 200.

"'Extracted by (Signed) "'DAVID THOMSON,
"'*Secretary*.'

"These Minutes were ordered to be engrossed in the Record of the Court, and communicated to the General Council as a supplement to the Deliverances of the Court, of dates 14th April, 1863, and 13th October, 1863, on the aforesaid Representations."

Library Returns tabled.

There was laid on the table a paper containing the information with respect to the Library referred to in No. III. of the above Deliverances.

Dr. Kilgour's Motion to Revive the Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Alexander Kilgour, Esq., M.D., moved as follows, viz.:—

"That, as in the learned professions, as well as in some others, the preliminary education of the Student or Candidate must be tested by a special examination, unless he possess a University Degree in Arts; and that, as many students who leave the University at the end of the Second Session, because despairing of obtaining the Degree of A.M., partly from the length of the curriculum required for it, and partly from the high standard to which the examination for that Degree has of late years been carried, would, it is believed, both of their own inclination, and to the great satisfaction of their relatives and guardians, remain over a Third Session, provided an inferior Degree commensurate with their standing were then open to them, the General Council represent to the University Court that it would be for the interest of the University, and the advantage of the student, as well as a saving of much time and trouble to other Examining Boards, if the clause in Ordinance No. 14, General, No. 3, Section XVI., which declares 'the Degree of Bachelor in Arts shall not hereafter be conferred,' were revoked, and power given to the Senatus to confer that Degree, under such regulations as they may, with the consent of the University Court, judge necessary, on those students who, at the conclusion of the Third Winter Session, may offer themselves as candidates for it, and are found, on examination, qualified to receive it; and that the Court take the necessary steps, under the Statute, to effect the revocation of the said clause."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. James Spence, D.D., and a show of hands having been taken, was unanimously carried.

The President anent Mr. Milne's Motion.

The Motion which stood next in order on the roll of business prepared by the Committee of the Council, being that of which John D. Milne, Esq., gave notice at last Meeting, the President, previous to its being brought forward, desired it might be recorded—

"That the proposed Motion being, in his opinion, unconstitutional, at variance with the relations between the University Court and the Council, and therefore incom-

petent, his continuing to act as Chairman, in the event of the Council's agreeing to entertain it, should not be held as an admission of its competency, or as a precedent for the future."

Mr. Milne brought forward his Motion thus modified, viz. :—

Mr. Milne's Motion.

"The Council having taken into consideration the Deliverance of the University Court, of date 13th October, 1863, on the Representation of the Council in regard to the Site of the Library, regret this Deliverance, but adhere to the opinion that the Site of the Library should be removed to Aberdeen."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. David Brown, D.D.

Dr. Taylor's Motion.

The Rev. Alexander Taylor, D.D., moved—

"That Mr. Milne's Motion be not entertained by this Meeting" : which motion was seconded by the Rev. Alexander Anderson.

Mr. Milne then withdrew his Motion.

Dr. Templeton's Motion anent Extra-Mural Examinations.

William Templeton, Esq., M.D., moved as follows, viz. :—

"That the Members of the General Council of this University, in General Council assembled, represent to the Members of the University Court, to take into their consideration whether it would be for the interests of education in general, and of the University of Aberdeen in particular, with the aid of the Senatus, to devise and carry out a scheme of Examination of those who are not of the University."

This Motion was seconded by John Humphrey, Esq., and a show of hands having been taken, it was negatived.

George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., withdrew in the meantime, with the intention of bringing it forward at next Meeting, the Motion of which he had given notice with respect to a University Curriculum for persons engaged in business.

Mr. Anderson's Motion anent Entrance Examinations.

The Rev. Alexander Anderson moved—

"That the General Council represent to the University Court, that it is desirable for the Court to adopt measures for preventing young men from attending any class of the Curriculum of Arts as Public or Gown Students, who are incapable, from deficiency in their previous education, of deriving due advantage from the instructions communicated in that class" : which motion was not seconded.

Professor Geddes' Motion anent University Libraries.

Professor Geddes moved as follows, viz. :—

"That it is the opinion of the General Council, that the Libraries of the Four Universities of Scotland should be placed under such regulations as would allow a Member of any of the Four General Councils access to the Library nearest which he may happen to reside;

and that a representation be made to the University Court to take such steps as may be deemed necessary to secure the reciprocal advantages of such an arrangement in conjunction with the other Universities."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. Professor Macpherson, D.D., and unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Anderson's Notice of motion.

The Rev. Alexander Anderson gave notice that, at next Meeting, he would renew his Motion with respect to the Examination of Gown Students.

Mr. Forbes' Notice of motion anent the Library Rules.

James Forbes, Esq., gave notice that, at next Meeting, he will move as follows, viz.:—

"That, as it appears from the return laid before the Council that only 49 members of the General Council have availed themselves during the year ending 15th September, 1863, of their right to receive books from the University Library under the regulations contained in the Ordinance of 7th June, 1862, it is the opinion of the Council, and they resolve to make representation to that effect to the University Court, that the said regulations, and in particular those limiting the number of volumes to four, Members of the Council are entitled to receive from the Library at one time, and the exaction of an annual payment of Ten Shillings and Sixpence from each Member, for the use of the Library, have operated prejudicially in restricting the beneficial use of the Library to the Members of Council, and that the same require amendment, either by an increase in the number of volumes Members of Council are entitled to receive at one time, or in a reduction of the annual payment of Ten Shillings and Sixpence for the use of the Library."

Business-Committee.

James Forbes, Esq., proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that the following Members of Council be appointed a Committee to prepare or arrange business for the next Meeting of the Council, viz.:—

Sir Alexander Anderson (Convener); William Leslie, Esq., M.P.; the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D.; James Forbes, Esq.; John D. Milne, Esq.; Professor Nicol; the Rev. Dr. Bisset; Professor Bain; Dr. Beveridge; Patrick Cooper, Esq.; Charles F. Runcy, Esq.; Dr. Woodford; the Rev. Dr. David Brown; John Humphrey, Esq.; Norman Macpherson, Esq.; John F. White, Esq.; Thomas Primrose, Esq.; David R. Morice, Esq.; Alexander Ross, Esq.; Dr. George G. Brown; and the Rev. William Barrack; and that five shall be a quorum.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

IX.

October 1864.

On the Twelfth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-four years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Council proceeded to the election of an Assessor to represent the Council in the University Court during the ensuing period of Four Years, whereupon the Rev. David Brown, D.D., Aberdeen, proposed—

Dr. Kilgour is proposed as Assessor.

"That Alexander Kilgour, Esq., M.D., Aberdeen, should be re-elected as Assessor"; which proposal was seconded by the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D.

John Black, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen, proposed—

Mr. Mearns is also proposed.

"That the Rev. William Mearns, A.M., Minister of Kinneff, should be elected as Assessor"; which proposal was seconded by the Rev. Alexander Taylor, D.D., Leochel-Cushnie.

A show of hands having been taken, the President declared that there was a majority in favour of Dr. Kilgour, whereupon Mr. Black demanded a Poll.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

There were read the two following Deliverances, which the University Court had made at their Meeting on the Sixth day of October, 1864, and sent to the General Council, viz.:—

Deliverance anent the Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

I. "There was read a Representation, made by the General Council at their Meeting on 13th April last, requesting the Court to take steps to have the Degree of Bachelor of Arts revived.

"The Court made the following Deliverance thereon, viz.:—

"That, before committing the Court to any decision on the merits of the representation, the Court think it desirable at this stage to bring it under the notice of the Senatus Academicus, and therefore request the Senatus to consider the whole subject, and to favour the Court, before its next Meeting in April, with their opinion thereon."

Deliverance anent University Libraries.

II. "There was read a Representation made by the General Council, at their Meeting on the 13th April last, with respect to the Libraries of the Scottish Universities.

"The Court made the following Deliverance thereon, viz.:—

"The Court, before deciding on this Representation, remit the same to the Senatus, and request them, after consulting, if necessary, with the Senates of the other

Universities, to report to the Court at a future Meeting their opinion as to the expediency and practicability of the proposed interchange."

James Forbes, Esq., moved :— Mr. Forbes' Motion anent the Library Ordinance.

"That, as it appears from the return laid before the Council, that only Forty-nine Members of the General Council have availed themselves, during the year ending 15th September, 1863, of their right to receive books from the University Library, under the regulations contained in the Ordinance of 7th June, 1862, it is the opinion of the Council—and they resolve to make representation to that effect to the University Court—that the said regulations, and, in particular, those limiting the number of volumes to four Members of the Council are entitled to receive from the Library at one time, and the exaction of an annual payment of Ten shillings and Sixpence from each Member for the use of the Library, have operated prejudicially in restricting the beneficial use of the Library to the Members of Council; and that the same require amendment, either by an increase in the number of volumes Members of the Council are entitled to receive at one time, or in a reduction of the annual payment of Ten shillings and Sixpence for the use of the Library."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. Professor Macpherson, D.D., and unanimously carried.

Alexander Forbes, Esq., moved— Mr. Forbes' Motion anent Local Examinations.

"That the University Council represent to the University Court their desire that the Court take into consideration whether it would be for the interests of education in general, and of the University of Aberdeen in particular, to devise and carry out a scheme of examination of scholars not at the University, for the purpose of awarding to them Certificates; and that it be part of this scheme, if approved of by the University Court, that the examination be a simultaneous one, conducted by means of Examination Papers drawn up and issued by the University to the various schoolmasters aided by such local examiners as might be approved by the University Court."

This Motion was seconded by George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., and, a show of hands having been taken, was carried.

George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., moved as follows, viz. :— Dr. Brown's Motion anent Reporters.

"That the University Council begs respectfully to represent to the University Court that Reporters be admitted at all ordinary meetings of the University Court and of the Senatus Academicus."

This Motion was seconded by Alexander Ross, Esq.,

and a show of hands having been taken, was carried, as there voted for the Motion Twelve, and against it Ten.

It was unanimously agreed that the following Members of Council be appointed as a Committee to prepare or arrange business for the next Meeting of the Council, viz.: —Sir Alexander Anderson (Convener); William Leslie, Esq., M.P.; the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D.; James Forbes, Esq.; John D. Milne, Esq.; Professor Nicol; the Rev. Dr. Bisset; Professor Bain; Dr. Beveridge; Patrick Cooper, Esq.; Charles F. Runcy, Esq.; Dr. Woodford; the Rev. Dr. David Brown; John Humphrey, Esq.; Norman Macpherson, Esq.; John F. White, Esq.; Thomas Primrose, Esq.; David R. Morice, Esq.; Alexander Ross, Esq.; Dr. George G. Brown; and the Rev. William Barrack; and that Five shall be a quorum.

Business-Committee.

The Rev. John Murray Mitchell, LL.D., gave notice that at next Meeting he will move as follows, viz.:—

Dr. Mitchell's Notice of motion anent the better endowment of the University.

"That the Council, believing that the better endowment of the Universities would exercise an important influence in advancing higher education in Scotland, and rejoicing to see the steps which have been taken for the procuring of additional endowments for the University of Edinburgh, deems it very desirable that a similar movement be made in behalf of the University of Aberdeen, and respectfully makes this Representation to the University Court, in the hope of obtaining an expression of concurrence in the opinion."

Mr. Anderson's Notice of motion anent certain Entrance Examinations.

The Rev. Alexander Anderson gave notice that at next Meeting he will move—

"That the General Council make representation that it is expedient that the University Court adopt measures to render the Examinations to be undergone by Students desirous to enter the Senior Greek and Latin Classes the same in all cases in which Students are subjected to Examination."

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

X.

April, 1865.

On the Twelfth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-five years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved—

There was read the following letter from the Registrar, viz. :—

Intimation of the Election of Mr. Mearns as Assessor.

"University of Aberdeen, 3rd Nov., 1864.

"To the Clerk of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen.

"SIR,—I beg leave to intimate to you, that to-day I summed up—in the manner prescribed by Ordinance No. 11 of the Scottish Universities Commissioners—the votes which had been sent to me in the Poll for an Assessor to represent the General Council in the University Court; and that I found a majority of these votes were in favour of the Rev. William Mearns, A.M., Minister of Kinneff.

"I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

(Signed) "JOHN FYFE, *Registrar.*"

There was read the following Deliverance which the University Court had made at their Meeting on the Eleventh day of November, 1864, and sent to the General Council, viz. :—

Deliverance anent Reporters.

"There was read a Representation made to the Court by the General Council at their Meeting on the 12th October last, viz.:—'That the University Council begs respectfully to represent to the University Court that Reporters be admitted at all ordinary Meetings of the University Court, and of the Senatus Academicus.'

"On this Representation the following Deliverance was made, viz. :—

"The Court do not concur in the expediency of the course proposed by the Representation, but resolve to authorize the Clerk to send to the Press a report of the *res gestae* of each Meeting of the Court, reserving the power of admitting Reporters in special cases."

There were also read the four following Deliverances which the University Court had made at their Meeting on the Twenty-ninth day of March, 1865, and sent to the General Council, viz.:—

Deliverance anent the Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

I. "There was read the Representation by the General Council respecting the Degree of B.A., and the following Extract Minute of the Senatus Academicus, dated 19th January, 1865, viz. :—

"'The Senatus having taken into consideration the Representation of the General Council to the University Court, of date 13th April last, and which had been referred by the Court for the opinion of the Senatus thereon, on the 6th October last, to the effect that it would be expedient that the clause in Ordinance No. 14, General, No. 3, Sec. XVI., which declares "The Degree of Bachelor in Arts shall not hereafter be conferred" were revoked, and power given to the Senatus

to confer that Degree on those students who, at the conclusion of the Third Winter Session, may offer themselves as candidates for it, and are found on examination qualified to receive it—are of opinion that the Ordinance of the Commissioners as to this matter was founded on sound principles, as the effect of granting this Degree in the manner proposed would be to supersede, in a great measure, the Degree of Master of Arts.'

"The Court made the following Deliverance on the said Representation, viz.:—

"The University Court, having reconsidered the Representation, and having also had the advantage of seeing the Minute of Senatus, to whom the matter was referred, and agreeing substantially in the views expressed in said Minute, find that it would not be expedient to adopt the Representation."

Deliverance anent the Libraries of the Scottish Universities.

II. "There was read the Representation by the General Council, of date 13th April, 1864, with regard to the Libraries of the Scottish Universities, and also the following extract Minute of the Senatus Academicus, of date 19th January, 1865, viz.:—

"'The Senatus having taken into consideration the Representation of the General Council to the University Court with respect to the extension of the use of the Library to Members of the University Councils of other Universities, which had been referred by the Court for the opinion of the Senatus: Resolved, That the propriety of extending the use of the Library to Members of the General Councils of other Universities having been brought by this Senatus under the consideration of the Universities Commissioners, and the said Commissioners not having deemed it expedient to confer such privilege specially, it appears to the Senatus unadvisable to reopen the question, particularly as Clause XIII. of the Commissioners' Ordinance No. 68, General, No. 6, provides for the grant of the use of the Libraries to all persons engaged in literary research, which provision the Senatus are prepared to act upon in the most liberal sense;—That this Resolution be communicated to the Senatus Academici of the other Universities, in the hope that they will see fit to act upon the said clause in the same liberal manner.'

"The Court made the following deliverance on the said Representation, viz.:—

"The Court having considered the Representation, and the above Minute of the Senatus thereon, express their sympathy and concurrence with the objects of the Representation; at the same time, as, in order to

give full effect to it, the concurrence of the authorities of the other Universities would have to be obtained, so as to secure a reciprocal advantage to the Members of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen residing at other University Seats, the Court do not deem it advisable to make any attempt in the meantime to alter the Ordinance of the Commissioners, in hopes that the liberal system proposed by the Senatus of interpreting the provisions of the Ordinance of the Commissioners will substantially effect the objects in view."

Deliverance anent proposed alterations in the Library Ordinance.

III. "There was read the following Representation by the General Council, of date 12th October last, viz.:

"'That, as it appears from the return laid before the Council, that only forty-nine members of the General Council have availed themselves during the year ending 15th September, 1863, of their right to receive books from the University Library under the regulations contained in the Ordinance of 7th June, 1862, it is the opinion of the Council, and they resolve to make Representation to that effect to the University Court, that the said regulations, and in particular those limiting the number of volumes to four Members of the Council are entitled to receive from the Library at one time, and the exaction of an annual payment of Ten Shillings and Sixpence from each Member for the use of the Library, have operated prejudicially in restricting the beneficial use of the Library to the Members of Council, and that the same require amendment, either by an increase in the number of volumes Members of Council are entitled to receive at one time, or in a reduction of the annual payment of Ten Shillings and Sixpence for the use of the Library.'

"On this Representation the following Deliverance was made, viz.:—

"The University Court would willingly increase the number of volumes which Members of Council are entitled to receive at one time, but the Ordinance on the subject being general, it would be necessary for the purpose not only to establish a new Ordinance, but also to procure the consent of the other Universities; and in this view the Court are of opinion that it would be desirable to wait until it may be necessary to make such further alterations on the present Ordinances as would warrant an application to the Privy Council and the correlative proceedings for this purpose."

Deliverance anent Local Examinations.

IV. "There was read the following Representation by the General Council, of date 12th October, 1864, viz.:—'The University Council recommend to the Uni-

versity Court to take into their consideration whether it would be for the interests of education in general, and of the University of Aberdeen in particular, to devise and carry out a scheme of examination of scholars not at the University, for the purpose of awarding to them certificates; and that it be part of this scheme, if approved of by the University Court, that the examination be a simultaneous one, conducted by means of Examination Papers drawn up and issued by the University to the various schoolmasters aided by such local examiners as might be approved by the University Court.'

"On this Representation the following Deliverance was made, viz.:—

"The University Court is of opinion that they have no power to originate a scheme for the examination of scholars 'not at the University.' Their powers are strictly defined and limited by the Act of Parliament 'for making provision for the better government and discipline of the Universities of Scotland, &c.,' under which they have no authority for extending their action beyond those arrangements which strictly pertain to the University itself. Any such arrangement as that indicated by the Representation of the University Council must, as it appears to the Court, be the result of a voluntary agreement between the Senatus Academicus and the Schoolmasters."

Dr. Mitchell's Motion is deferred.

It was agreed to accept the offer of the Rev. Dr Mitchell to defer the Motion of which he gave notice at last Meeting of Council, until the other motions on the list of business advertised by the Committee of Council should be discussed.

The Rev. Alexander Anderson was not present, and the Motion of which he gave notice at last Meeting of the Council was not brought forward.

Mr. Mitchell's Motion for Removal of the Library.

The Rev. John Mitchell, A.M., St. Fergus, moved—

"That the limited number of Members of the Council who have availed themselves of their right to receive books from the General University Library fully establishes the inconvenience of its being located at King's College Buildings, and this Meeting do therefore resolve again to represent to the University Court, that in order to render the Library generally useful to Members of the Council, whether resident in Aberdeen or in the country, and to the Students, the great majority of whom live in Aberdeen, it ought to be removed to Marischal College Buildings, and there conjoined with the other portions of the Library relating to the Faculties of Law and Medicine."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. David Brown, D.D., Aberdeen.

The Rev. Alexander Taylor, D.D., Leochel-Cushnie, moved—"That this Representation be not sent to the University Court"; which Motion was seconded by the Rev. George Hutchison, A.M., Banchory-Ternan. Dr. Taylor's Motion.

On a division, Mr. Mitchell's Motion was carried; as there voted for it ninety-nine, and for Dr. Taylor's, forty-four.

Thereafter, John D. Milne, A.M., Aberdeen, brought forward the following Motion not intimated on the roll of business advertised by the Committee of Council, viz.:— Mr. Milne's Motion anent copies of this Representation.

> "That a copy of the Resolution now come to in regard to the seat of the Library be transmitted to the Chancellor of the University, the Lord Rector of the University, and to the Lords of H.M. Treasury."

Thereupon the President of the Meeting desired it to be recorded— The President anent Mr. Milne's Motion.

> "That he held the proposed Motion to be incompetent, and that his continuing in the chair, in the event of the Meeting's proceeding to discuss it, should not be held as an admission of its competency, or as a precedent for the future."

The Rev. George Hutchison, A.M., Banchory-Ternan, moved—"That Mr. Milne's Motion be held incompetent"; which Motion was seconded by the Rev. John Black, A.M., Aberdeen. Mr. Hutchison's Motion.

On a division, Mr. Hutchison's Motion was negatived, as there voted for it forty-two, and against it sixty-four.

Mr. Hutchison thereupon craved leave, for himself and all who should adhere to him, to Protest against the Resolution of the Meeting to hold Mr. Milne's Motion as competent. Mr. Hutchison's Protest.

A show of hands was then taken on Mr. Milne's Motion, which had been seconded by Charles F. Runcy, A.M., Aberdeen, and the President having declared that there was a majority in its favour, it was pronounced to be carried.

The following Members of Council gave in their adherence to Mr. Hutchison's Protest:—Professor Geddes, A.M., Aberdeen; William M. Macpherson, A.M., Aberdeen. the Rev. James A. Cruickshank, A.M., Mortlach; the Rev. William Mearns, A.M., Kinneff; James Steinson Smith, A.M., Edinburgh; the Rev. John Black, A.M., Aberdeen; James Beattie Forbes, A.M., Aberdeen; James Grant, A.M., Edinburgh; John Watt, A.M., Edinburgh; James Brebner, A.M., Daviot; Edward Woodford, LL.D., Edinburgh; the Rev. Professor Macpherson, D.D., Aberdeen; the Rev. William M. Keay, A.M., Woodside; the Rev. John Macdonald, A.M., Huntly; the Rev. John Abel, A.M., Forgue; Adherents to Mr. Hutchison's Protest.

Donald Stuart, A.M., Aberdeen; Alexander Grant, A.M., Aberdeen; the Rev. Robert Neil, A.M., Glengairn; the Rev. Francis Knox, A.M., Tarves; the Rev. George Jamieson, A.M., Old Machar; Andrew Soutter, A.M., Drumblade; George Riddoch, A.M., Elie; the Rev. Alexander Taylor, D.D., Leochel-Cushnie; the Rev. David Durward, A.M., Maryculter; James M'Kimmie, A.M., Aberdeen; the Rev. Professor Milligan, D.D., Aberdeen; the Rev. James Rust, A.M., Slains; Professor Maclure, LL.D., Aberdeen; Samuel Davidson, M.D., Wartle; the Rev. Charles A. Davidson, A.M., Lhanbryd; the Rev. John Fyfe, A.M., Aberdeen.

Dr. Mitchell's Notice of motion.

The Rev. Dr. Mitchell, instead of bringing forward his Motion, which it had been agreed to postpone, gave notice that he will submit it to next Meeting of the Council.

Business-Committee.

Professor Geddes proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, to appoint as a Committee to prepare or arrange business for next Meeting of Council all who had been members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

XI.

October, 1865.

On the Eleventh day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-five years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—His Grace the Duke of Richmond, the Chancellor of the University, in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Principal, and an Address by the Chancellor, the Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Deliverance anent Removal of the Library.

There was read the following Deliverance, which the University Court had made at their Meeting on the 9th day of October, 1865, and sent to the General Council, viz.:—

"There was read the following Representation made by the General Council of the University at their Meeting on the 12th of April last, viz.:—'That the limited number of the Members of the Council who have availed themselves of their right to receive books from the General University Library fully establishes the inconvenience of its being located at King's College Buildings, and this Meeting do therefore resolve again to represent to the University Court, that in order to render the Library generally useful to Members of the Council, whether resident in Aberdeen or in the country, and to the Students, the great majority of whom live in Aberdeen, it ought to be removed to Marischal College

Buildings, and there conjoined with the other portions of the Library relating to the Faculties of Law and Medicine.'

"On this Representation the Court made the following Deliverance, viz. :—

"The Court have given their best attention to the Representation by the General Council on the subject of the Library Site; but they have not found any sufficient cause for their concurring in it. It was fixed by an unanimous decision and Ordinance of the Commissioners, that the General Library should be kept at that portion of the University Buildings where the United Classes in Divinity and Arts (embracing the great majority of the Students) were to assemble and be taught: and, in the same way, that the Library appropriated to the Faculties of Medicine and of Law should be placed where the students in these Faculties are taught. The Court are not prepared to disturb that Ordinance, and are, on the contrary, of opinion that such a course on their part would be inexpedient, and injurious to the interests of the University intrusted to their care. They therefore decline to agree to the Representation, and resolve accordingly."

Dr. Mitchell's Motion anent further Endowments for the University.

The Rev. John M. Mitchell, LL.D., moved as follows, viz. :—

"That the Council believing that the better endowment of the Universities would exercise an important influence in advancing higher education in Scotland, and rejoicing to see the steps which have been taken for the procuring of additional endowments for the Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews, deem it very desirable that a similar movement be made on behalf of the University of Aberdeen, and respectfully make this representation to the University Court, in the hope of obtaining an expression of concurrence in the opinion."

This Motion was seconded by George G. Brown, M.D., and a show of hands having been taken, was declared to be carried.

Business-Committee.

Sir Alexander Anderson proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, to appoint as a Committee to prepare or arrange business for next Meeting of Council, all who had been members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) RICHMOND.

XII.

April, 1866.

On the Eleventh day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-six years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Deliverance anent further Endowments to the University.

There was read the Deliverance, dated 9th April, 1866, of the University Court on the Representation sent to them by last Meeting of the Council in favour of additional Endowments to the University of Aberdeen, viz. :—

"The Court concurred in the opinion expressed in the above Representation."

There was read a Minute, dated 2nd April, 1866, of the Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council in October last, showing that no business which they felt authorised to forward to the Council had been submitted to them.

Business-Committee.

The same Members of Council were unanimously reappointed to prepare or arrange business for the Meeting of Council to be held in October next.

The Meeting was dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

XIII.

October, 1866.

On the Tenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-six years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

There was read a Minute, dated 1st October, 1866, of the Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council in April last, shewing that they had found no business to prepare or arrange.

Mr. Humphrey's Notice of motion anent an Extra-Mural Association.

John Humphrey, Esq., gave notice that, at next Meeting of the Council, he will move as follows, viz. :—

"The rights and privileges of the General Council of this University being fully recognised by Act of Parliament (Universities (Scotland) Act), in virtue of which the Council '*has a power in the formation of measures and determining what they shall be*,' it appears to be an uncalled for measure to contemplate the formation of an Extra-Mural Association, the proceedings of which can have no legitimate bearing in so far as they are beyond the range of the statute, and, conse-

quently, cannot effect the University in any shape whatever. Moved—That the Members of the General Council here assembled having the well-being of the University at heart, do now express their disapproval of the measure in question as being unconstitutional, and only calculated to create dissension in the different departments of the University, and appoint their determination to be duly recorded in the Books of General Council."

Dr. Brown's Notice of motion anent Local Examinations.

George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., gave notice that, at next Meeting of Council, he will move as follows, viz.:—

"That the General Council respectfully represent to the University Court to take into consideration the expediency of introducing into the Northern Districts of Scotland the system of Local Examinations in the manner adopted by the University of Edinburgh, and the other Universities of the United Kingdom."

Business-Committee.

It was agreed that the following Members of Council be appointed as a Committee, to prepare or arrange business for the next Meeting of the Council, viz.:—Sir Alexander Anderson (Convener); William Leslie, Esq.; the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D.; James Forbes, Esq.; John D. Milne, Esq.; Professor Nicol; the Rev. Dr. Bisset; Professor Bain; Dr. Beveridge; Patrick Cooper, Esq.; Charles F. Runcy, Esq.; Dr. Woodford; the Rev. Dr. David Brown; John Humphrey, Esq.; Dr. Norman Macpherson; John F. White, Esq.; Thomas Primrose, Esq.; David R. Morice, Esq.; Alexander Ross, Esq.; Dr. George G. Brown; the Rev. William Barrack; Professor Struthers, M.D.; the Rev. Professor Macpherson, D.D.; Dr. Kilgour; the Rev. Dr. Gillan; and the Rev. John Allan.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

XIV.

April, 1867.

On the Tenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-seven years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Humphrey withdraws his Motion.

John Humphrey, Esq., withdrew the Motion of which he gave notice at last Meeting of Council.

A letter addressed to the Clerk, by Professor Campbell of St. Andrews, in name of a Committee of the General Council of the University of St. Andrews, in regard to the

Professor Campbell anent University Honours.

present system of Honours in the Universities of Scotland, was read and laid on the table. A copy which Professor Campbell had sent of his pamphlet on the said subject was also laid on the table.

Mr. Smith's Motion anent University Honours.

The Rev. James Smith, B.D., moved as follows, viz. :—

"The Council represent to the Court that it is desirable that the Four Universities, while maintaining their individual corporate integrity and separate arrangements for Graduation in Arts without Honours, shall co-operate in some joint scheme of Honours or Rewards, for the promotion of the higher learning."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. William Barrack, A.M. After some discussion, Mr. Smith withdrew the Motion.

Special powers to next Business-Committee.

Professor Nicol moved—

"That the Council give to the Committee to be appointed to arrange or prepare business for next meeting of the Council power to communicate with the Committees of the General Councils of the other Universities of Scotland—their correspondence to be reported to the Council."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. David Brown, D.D., and a show of hands having been taken, was declared to be carried.

Professor Nicol moved—

"That the Council petition Parliament, that in any Reform Bill for Scotland provision be made for the due Representation of the Scottish Universities."

Petition to Parliament for Representation to the Scottish Universities.

Charles F. Runcy, Esq., seconded this motion, which was unanimously carried.

The President desired it to be recorded that, while he cordially agreed to sign and transmit a Petition in conformity with the wish of the Council, he reserved his opinion as to the power of the Council to Petition.

A Petition to the House of Commons was then read and approved, and signed by the President in name and by authority of the Meeting; and it was agreed that Mountstuart Elphinstone Grant Duff, Esq., M.P., Lord Rector of the University, be requested to present the Petition to the House of Commons, and that the Members of Parliament for the City and County be asked to support the Prayer of the Petition.

Business-Committee.

William Frederick Ogg, Esq., proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that the following Members of Council be appointed a Committee to arrange or prepare business for next Meeting of the Council, viz. :—Sir Alexander Anderson (Convener); William Leslie, Esq.; the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D.; James Forbes, Esq.; John D. Milne, Esq.: Professor Nicol; the Rev. Dr. Bisset; Professor Bain; Dr.

Beveridge; Patrick Cooper, Esq.; Charles F. Runcy, Esq.; Dr. Woodford; the Rev. Dr. David Brown; John Humphrey, Esq.; Dr. Norman Macpherson; John F. White, Esq.; Thomas Primrose, Esq.; David R. Morice, Esq.; Dr. George G. Brown; the Rev. William Barrack; Professor Struthers, M.D.; Dr. Kilgour; the Rev. Dr. Gillan; the Rev. John Allan; Professor Fuller; and the Rev. John Black.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

XV.

October, 1867.

On the Ninth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-seven years, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Rector, Mountstuart Elphinstone Grant Duff, Esq., A.M., M.P., in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Principal, the Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Brown's Motion anent Local Examinations.

George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., moved as follows, viz.:—

"That the General Council respectfully represent to the University Court to take into consideration the expediency of introducing into the Northern districts of Scotland the system of Local Examinations in the manner adopted by the University of Edinburgh and other Universities in the United Kingdom."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. William Barrack, A.M., and, a show of hands having been taken, was carried.

Mr. Cooper's Motion anent University Representation.

Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M., moved—

"That, in the prospect of a Reform Bill affecting Scotland being introduced to Parliament, a representation be made to the University Court, requesting the Court to petition Parliament that provision be made for the representation of the Scottish Universities by the allotment to them of not less than Two Members."

This Motion was seconded by Professor Macpherson, LL.D., of the University of Edinburgh, and was unanimously carried.

Business-Committee.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed to, that the following Members of Council be appointed a Business-Committee for next Meeting of Council, with the special powers granted to last Business-Committee, viz.:—Sir Alexander Anderson (Convener); William Leslie, Esq.; the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D.; James Forbes, Esq.; John D. Milne, Esq.; Professor Nicol; the Rev. Dr. Bisset; Professor Bain; Dr. Beveridge; Patrick Cooper, Esq.; Charles

F. Runcy, Esq.; Dr. Woodford; the Rev. Dr. David Brown; John Humphrey, Esq.; Professor Macpherson, LL.D.; John F. White, Esq.; Thomas Primrose, Esq.; David R. Morice, Esq.; Dr. George G. Brown; the Rev. William Barrack; Professor Struthers, M.D.; Dr. Kilgour; the Rev. Dr. Gillan; the Rev. John Allan; Professor Fuller; the Rev. John Black; William F. Ogg, Esq.; and Alexander Yeats, Esq.

Report by Business-Committee.

There was read a report, dated 30th Sept. last, of the correspondence of the Business-Committee with Professor Campbell of St. Andrews on behalf of a Committee of the General Council of the University of St. Andrews.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

XVI.

April, 1868.

On the Fifteenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-eight, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Deliverance anent Representation in Parliament for the Scottish Universities.

There were read the following Deliverances by the University Court, viz.:—

"At a Meeting of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen, held on the Ninth day of October, 1867.

"*Inter alia*,—There was read the following Representation by the General Council, dated 9th Oct., 1867, viz.:—'It was unanimously resolved, that, in the prospect of a Reform Bill affecting Scotland being introduced to Parliament, a representation be made to the University Court, requesting the Court to petition Parliament that provision be made for the representation of the Scottish Universities, by the allotment to them of not less than Two Members.'

"The Court unanimously concurred in the opinion expressed in this Representation, and resolved to petition accordingly in due time."

"At a Meeting of the Court held on the 28th day of November, 1867.

"*Inter alia*,—There was read a draft Petition to the House of Commons praying, that in any Bill for the amendment of the representation of the people of Scotland Two Representatives might be allotted to the Universities—one to be elected by the Universities of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, and one by those of

Glasgow and Aberdeen; and the Principal was requested to sign said Petition in the name and by the authority of the Court, and transmit it to Mountstuart Elphinstone Grant Duff, Esq., M.P., Rector of the University, for presentation to the House of Commons."

Deliverance anent Local Examinations.

"At a Meeting of the University Court, held on the 15th day of April, 1868.

"*Inter alia*,—The Court resumed consideration of the Representation by the General Council with regard to Local Examinations, and unanimously made the following Deliverance thereon, viz.:—The Court have fully considered the Council's Representation on the subject of Local Examinations, but they are unable to express an opinion in favour of the system. The example of the English Universities is not in point, as the state of Education and the relation of the Schools to the Universities in England are materially different from what exists in Scotland; and the result of the attempts which have been made in other Scottish Universities to introduce the system, does not appear encouraging. No movement whatever in support of it has been made by any local bodies of teachers or others in the district; and the Court are not satisfied that there is any need or any room for it in connection with this University."

Minute of the Council of the University of St. Andrews anent the Chemistry Class.

There was read an Extract from the Minutes of the General Council of the University of St. Andrews, bearing that, in their Meeting held on the 26th March last, the following Motion was carried, viz.:—

"That, in the opinion of this Council, it is most desirable that Chemistry, as an important branch of General Education, should be included in the Curriculum of Arts, and that attendance on the Class of Chemistry should be required of all those who apply for a Degree in Arts; that Representation to this effect be made to the University Court; and that a Committee be appointed to communicate this to the other University Councils, with a view to their bringing the subject without delay before the several University Courts."

Professor Macpherson, LL.D., moved "That this communication be remitted to the Business-Committee with a view to having it brought before next Meeting of Council"; which Motion was unanimously agreed to.

Professor Geddes on University Libraries.

Professor Geddes moved as follows:—

"That a Representation be made to the University Court, to the effect, that it is desirable that an arrangement be made with the other Universities of Scotland and rules framed for admitting Members of the Council

of any one of the Universities to the use of the Library of any other."

Professor Macpherson seconded this Motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Hunter's Motion anent the Assistant in the Natural Philosophy Class.

William Alexander Hunter, Esq., A.M., moved—

"That, in the opinion of this Council, it is expedient that the Professor of Natural Philosophy should be allowed an *experimental* and not a *teaching* Assistant; and that it be represented to the University Court to alter and rescind Ordinance No. 6, in so far as to reduce the Assistant's salary from £100 to £50; and that the £50 thus saved be given as an annual prize to the Student that shall graduate with highest distinction in any department to be decided by the Senatus."

This motion was seconded by William Minto, Esq., A.M.

John Humphrey, Esq., moved—"That this Motion be not adopted"; which Motion was seconded by Professor Fuller.

After some discussion, Mr. Hunter craved leave to withdraw his Motion, and moved, seconded by Mr. Minto, that leave be granted him to do so. A show of hands having been taken, and a majority found in favour of granting leave, Mr. Hunter withdrew his Motion.

Mr. Cooper's Motion anent Representation in Parliament for the Scottish Universities.

Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M., moved—

"That the Council petition Parliament, that in the Reform Bill for Scotland, now before Parliament, not less than Two Members be allotted to the Universities of Scotland; that the Chairman be requested to sign Petitions to both Houses of Parliament in the name and by appointment of the General Council; and that a Representation be made to the University Court to Petition again to the same effect, and press this matter, by Deputation or otherwise, on the Government and Members of Parliament."

This Motion was unanimously agreed to.

Petitions to both Houses of Parliament were then read and approved, and signed in the name and by appointment of the Meeting by the President, under reservation of his opinion as to the power of the Council to petition.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Committee to arrange or prepare business for next Meeting of Council all who had been Members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

XVII.

On the Fourteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-eight; the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair. October, 1868.

After Prayer by the President, the Council proceeded to the election of an Assessor for the ensuing four years under Ordinance No. 11.

George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., proposed that Alexander Kilgour, Esq., M.D., should be elected as Assessor; which Motion was seconded by Professor Nicol, and unanimously agreed to. Dr. Kilgour elected Assessor.

The Minutes of last Meeting of the Council were then read and approved.

There was read the following Deliverance made by the University Court, at a Meeting on the 16th April last, viz.: Deliverance anent Parliamentary Representation for the Scottish Universities.

"There was read the Representation made by the General Council on the 15th instant, with a view to the obtaining of not less than Two Representatives in Parliament for the Universities of Scotland. A Petition to Parliament in accordance with the said Representation was read, and the Principal was requested to sign the same in name of the Court, and to forward it to the Lord Rector for presentation; also to forward copies to his Grace the Chancellor, and to the Members of Parliament connected with this district of the country, with a request that they would be pleased to support it in Parliament. The Clerk was instructed to send copies of the said Petition to the Clerks of the other University Courts, and to intimate that this Court concurs in any representation which may be made by the other Universities with a view to secure the object of its prayer."

There was also read the following Deliverance of the University Court, dated 9th October, 1868, viz.:— Deliverance anent University Libraries.

"There was read a Representation made by the General Council on the 15th April last, viz.:—'That it is desirable that an arrangement be made with the other Universities of Scotland and rules framed for admitting Members of the Council of any one of the Universities to the use of the Library of any other.'

"The Court approved generally of the object of the Representation, and directed that the Council be informed that they are in communication with the Edinburgh University Court, with a view to having that object carried out as speedily as possible."

Thereafter was read the Extract, dated 26th March last, from Minutes of the General Council of the University of St. Andrews, which was read at last Meeting of the Council. Minute of the Council of the University of St. Andrews.

John Humphrey, Esq., proposed that this Extract lie on the table, which Motion was unanimously agreed to.

Professor Bain's Motion anent Printing the Minutes.

Professor Bain moved as follows, viz.:—

"1.—That the Minutes of the General Council from its commencement be printed for the use of Members.

"2.—That in future the Draft Minute of each meeting be printed and distributed to Members at the following meeting; that such distribution be held equivalent to the reading of the Minute; and that the confirmed Minute be thereafter circulated by post to all Members signifying a desire to receive it.

"3.—That communications from the University Court laid before any meeting be, in like manner, printed and distributed to the Members present, and be thereby held as read at the meeting.

"4.—That it be referred to the Business-Committee to carry out these resolutions."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. Robert Fairweather, A.M., and was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Hunter's Motion anent the Library.

William Alexander Hunter, Esq., A.M., moved—

"That with the view to the greater usefulness of the Library, the following recommendations be made to the University Court: 1. To adopt an arrangement whereby readers may have the option of exchanging books on short notice at the Library, University Buildings, New Aberdeen; 2. That a Catalogue of all the books in both sections of the Library be printed, on the principle of an alphabetical arrangement of authors and a classified index of subjects."

The Rev. John Christie, A.M., seconded this Motion, and a show of hands having been taken, it was unanimously carried.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee for next meeting all who had been members of last Business-Committee, with the addition of Angus Fraser, Esq., M.D.

Professor Geddes' Notice of Motion anent the Compensation Grant.

Professor Geddes gave notice that, at next Meeting of Council, he will move as follows:—

"That in consideration of the peculiar position of this University in respect of the Library Grant in compensation for the right of obtaining books from Stationers' Hall, inasmuch as the University of Aberdeen receives less than one-half of what is obtained by one of the sister Universities, the original right of each University being one and the same, it be represented to the University Court to take the matter into consideration, and devise means to rectify the inequality."

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

On the Fourteenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-nine, the General Council of the University met—the Principal in the Chair. **XVIII.** April, 1869.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

There was held as read the following Deliverance made by the University Court, at a Meeting on the 12th instant, viz. :— Deliverance on the Representation anent the Library.

"There was read the following Representation made by the General Council at a Meeting on the 14th October, 1868, viz. :—'It was unanimously resolved that with the view to the greater usefulness of the Library, the following recommendations be made to the University Court. 1. To adopt an arrangement whereby readers may have the option of exchanging books on short notice at the Library, University Buildings, New Aberdeen. 2. That a Catalogue of all the Books in both sections of the Library be printed, on the principle of an alphabetical arrangement of authors and a classified index of subjects.'

"On this Representation the following Deliverance was unanimously made, viz. :—

"The Court, while most anxious to meet the views of the University Council, are constrained to say that they do not know any arrangement under which the object contemplated in No. 1. could be satisfactorily attained.

"The Court fully recognise the importance of having a complete Catalogue of the Library prepared, and they have reason to believe that when the Books shall be re-arranged on the shelves of the New Library, the whole subject of such a Catalogue will be considered by the Senatus, with special reference to the question of having it printed, and a report thereon presented to the Court."

Professor Bain moved that the following Report made by the Business-Committee be approved of, viz :— Report by the Business-Committee.

"The Business-Committee of the General Council having been instructed to carry into effect the resolutions passed at the last Meeting of Council, with reference to the Printing of the Minutes, beg now to submit their Report.

"The Committee, after consideration, resolved that, on the whole, it was most expedient to stereotype the Minutes, and to throw off, in the first instance, an impression of 750 copies. These copies are now at the disposal of the Council, and will be distributed to the Members present at the ensuing Meeting. As to the

Report by the Business-Committee anent Printing the Minutes of Council.

best mode of further distribution, and also of distributing the Minutes of the future Meetings of the Council, the Committee have agreed to the following recommendations :—

"1.—That it is unnecessary to incur the expense of sending by post a copy of the collected Minutes, or of the future Minutes to each Member.

"2.—That any Member, on transmitting to the Clerk a postage stamp and his address, shall thereupon receive by post a copy of the collected Minutes.

"3.—That any Member may receive, on personal application to the Clerk, a copy of the collected Minutes for himself, and also a copy for any other Member, on inserting that Member's name in a Book or Memorandum Sheet kept by the Clerk.

"4.—That Copies of the approved Minutes of each Meeting be regularly distributed to Members at the following Meeting.

"5.—That a Member not present at the Meeting when any Minute is distributed, may receive a copy by transmitting to the Clerk an envelope stamped and addressed.

"6.—That a copy of the collected Minutes, and a copy of the several subsequent Minutes, be transmitted to each of the following official bodies :—The University Court and the Senatus of this University, the University Court, the Senatus, and the General Council of each of the other Scottish Universities ; and also that a copy be sent to both Libraries of this University, and to the Library of each of the other Scottish Universities.

"7.—That the future Minutes be printed uniformly with the collected Minutes, and be also stereotyped.

"8.—That the Clerk be instructed to certify, and to transmit to the Senatus the Printer's Account for the collected Minutes."

This Motion was seconded by Charles F. Runcy, Esq., A.M., and was unanimously agreed to.

Professor Geddes moved—

"That in consideration of the peculiar position of this University in respect of the Library Grant in compensation for the right of obtaining books from Stationers' Hall, inasmuch as the University of Aberdeen receives less than one-half of what is obtained by one

of the sister Universities, the original right of each University being one and the same, it be represented to the University Court to take the matter into consideration, and devise means to rectify the inequality."

Professor Geddes' Motion anent the Library Compensation Grant.

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. Alexander Taylor, D.D.

William Minto, Esq., A.M., moved as an Amendment—

"That it is not expedient in present circumstances to press the motion"; which Amendment was not seconded.

John Humphrey, Esq., moved "That the matter lie on the table for further consideration."

Thereupon Mr. Minto withdrew his Amendment, and seconded Mr. Humphrey's Motion.

A show of hands having been taken, Professor Geddes' Motion was carried.

George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., moved—

"1.—That whereas it appears that the income of the Aberdeen University Library, apart from the subscriptions of readers, is not less than from £700 to £800 a-year; that the expenditure charged to that income is, on an average of nine years, under £500; and that the subscriptions and life payments of members do not exceed on an average (taken for the period since these payments were imposed) £35 a-year, the General Council is of opinion that the support of the Library is amply secured without this last source of income.

Dr. G. G. Brown's Motion anent Library Subscriptions.

"2.—That the Council represent to the University Court to take steps for procuring an alteration of Ordinance 68, section x., clause 2, in so far as regards the University of Aberdeen, which imposes an annual subscription of 10s. 6d., or a life composition of £5 5s., on every Member of Council, as a condition of obtaining books from the Library."

This Motion was seconded by James Corbet, Esq., and a show of hands having been taken, it was carried.

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., moved—

"That of the parties represented by the proposed Board of National Education for Scotland, none have a deeper interest in that great object than the University Councils; that this fact has been distinctly recognised in the Education Bill for Scotland now before the House of Lords, in so far as by clause 4 of said Bill, it is provided that of *nine* members who are to constitute the Board of Education, *two* shall be elected by the Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen, and *two* by those of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, to serve for a period of years alternately; that, nevertheless, the noble Duke who introduced that Bill did, in

Rev. Dr. D. Brown's Motion anent the Education Bill for Scotland.

the discussion on the second reading of said Bill, signify his willingness to abandon that provision of it which gives to the University Councils power to elect two members of the Board as aforesaid; that this Council, deeply regretting that this should be in contemplation, and persuaded that the true interests of Scottish Education will be best advanced by allowing to the University Councils the position assigned to them in the Bill as first brought in, do accordingly resolve to petition both Houses of Parliament not to make any such alteration on the Bill as would deprive them of that place; to request the President to sign these Petitions in name of the General Council; and to entrust to the Chancellor of the University the Petition to the House of Lords, and to the Representative of the Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen the Petition to the House of Commons."

This Motion was seconded by George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., and was unanimously agreed to.

The President agreed to sign said Petitions in conformity with the wish of the Meeting, but, as on similar former occasions, with reservation of his opinion as to the power of the Council to petition through its Chairman.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee for next Meeting of Council all who had been Members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

XIX.

October 1869.

On the Thirteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-nine, the General Council of the University met—Professor Macrobin, M.D., in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D., the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

There was read the following extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the University Court, held on the 13th October, 1869, viz.:—

Deliverance anent the Compensation Grant.

"On the Representation by the General Council, of date 14th April, 1869, in reference to the Library Compensation Grant, the Court made unanimously the following Deliverance, viz.:—'The University Court, while entirely approving of the object of the representation, are inclined to think that the present is not the most suitable time for urging the claim, and that by doing so it is not improbable that they might injure the prospect of obtaining so desirable an object at a future period. The Court therefore resolve to defer taking any steps in reference to the subject meantime.'

"On the Representation by the General Council, of date 14th April, 1869, in reference to the payments exacted from Members of the Council as a condition of obtaining books from the University Library, the following Deliverance was unanimously made, viz.:—

Deliverance anent Library Payments.

"'The Court is of opinion that the Ordinances on the subject of the use of the Libraries and the payments to them are probably too stringent, and leave too little to the discretion of the University authorities. The question, however, is one that affects all the Scotch Universities, and will receive the mature consideration of the Court at an early period, and the views of the Court will then be submitted to the Council before being communicated to the Courts of the other Universities. The Court think it right to add that the whole subject of the Aberdeen University Library, with a view to add to its usefulness, will very soon receive their attention.'"

There was read the following extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Senatus Academicus, held on the 19th April, 1869, viz.:—

"A resolution of the General Council on 14th April, 1869, instructing the Clerk to certify and transmit to the Senatus the account for printing the Collected

Minute of the Senatus anent the Printer's Account.

Minutes of the General Council, with certificate by the Clerk of the accuracy of said account, was laid before the Meeting.

"It was unanimously agreed to that these documents from the University Council be sent back to the Clerk, with intimation that the Senatus can receive communications from the General Council only through the University Court."

Professor Nicol's Motion anent the Printer's Account.

Professor Nicol moved "That a Representation be made to the University Court to transmit to the Senatus Academicus the Printer's Account for the Collected Minutes of the General Council."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. Alexander Spence, D.D.

Professor William Alexander Hunter, A.M., London, moved as an Amendment "That the Clerk be instructed to transmit the Account to the Senatus, requesting their sanction for the payment of it in the same way as the other accounts of the General Council."

Charles F. Runcy, Esq., A.M., seconded this Amendment.

The Rev. James Smith, B.D., Newhills, moved as an Amendment, "That the Clerk be instructed to attest the Printer's Account, if correct, and to return it to him to be presented to the Senatus for payment."

This Amendment was seconded by William Minto, Esq., A.M.

After some discussion, Professor Hunter withdrew his Amendment.

Dr. G. G. Brown's Motion anent any Bill for National Education in Scotland.

On a division there voted for Professor Nicol's Motion, Nineteen, and for Mr. Smith's Amendment, Fifteen. Professor Nicol's Motion was therefore carried.

George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., moved as follows, viz.:—

"That this Council respectfully represents to the University Court that, in the event of a Bill for National Education in Scotland being introduced into Parliament previous to the next Meeting of Council in April, 1870, the Court should, by Petition, or such other means as may seem expedient, urge on the Legislature the claims of the Universities and Teachers of Scotland to be fully and fairly represented in any Board or body of Commissioners which may be appointed to carry out the provisions of an Education Bill."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. James Smith, A.M., Tarland, and was unanimously agreed to.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-

Committee for next Meeting of Council all who had been Members of last Business-Committee.

Notice was given that at next Meeting of Council the Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., Renfrew, will move—

Rev. R. Stephen's Notice of Motions.

"That the Council, after an experience of nine years in working the Universities Act, are satisfied that greater power should be conferred upon their body, and they accordingly resolve to petition Parliament to make such addition to or amendment of the Act as may be necessary for this purpose. That . . . . . be appointed a Committee to consider what additional powers are desirable, and to report to the next Meeting of the Council.

"2. That this Council, duly persuaded of the great benefit that students attending the University would derive if provided with Rooms within the College for board, lodging, and common study, do now resolve to petition Parliament, praying them to vote the funds requisite for supplying such accommodation for at least sixty students. That . . . . . be appointed a Committee to prepare such a Petition; that the Chairman be authorised to sign that Petition for and in the name of the Council; and that the said Committee be empowered to take the necessary steps to have the Petition duly presented to Parliament."

(Signed) J. MACROBIN.

XX.

April, 1870.

On the Thirteenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy, the General Council of the University met—the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

There were held as read the following Deliverances made by the University Court at a Meeting on the 21st October, 1869, viz. :—

Deliverances by the University Court.

"There was read the following Representation made by the General Council at a Meeting on the 13th inst., viz. :—'It was resolved that a Representation be made to the University Court to transmit to the Senatus Academicus the Printer's Account for the collected Minutes of the General Council.'

"The Court unanimously resolved to transmit the Account to the Senatus Academicus, with a recommendation that, under the circumstances, it be paid.

"There was read another Representation made by the General Council on the 13th instant, in reference to any Bill for National Education in Scotland.

"The consideration of this Representation was postponed."

The Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., Renfrew, moved—

Mr. Stephen's Motion anent the General Councils of Scottish Universities.

"That this Council, after an experience of ten years in working the Universities' Act, are of opinion that under the present constitution of the Scottish Universities the General Councils are not adequately represented in the University Court, and they accordingly resolve to appoint as a Committee, to consider the whole question, to communicate with the General Councils of other Universities, and to report to next Meeting of Council, the Rev. David Brown, D.D., the Rev. Professor Milligan, D.D., Dr. Kilgour, Professor Struthers, M.D., the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D., Professor Nicol, Dr. Beveridge, John B. L. Birnie, Esq, John Humphrey, Esq., and the Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M. (Convener), with power to add to their number."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. David Brown, D.D., and was unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., Renfrew, moved—

Mr. Stephen's Motion anent College Rooms for Students.

"That this Council, considering the benefits that might arise if Students attending the University were provided with Rooms within the College for board, lodging, and common study, appoint the following Committee to consider this matter, and to report to next Meeting of this Council, viz. :—Principal Camp-

bell, D.D., the Rev. David Brown, D.D., the Rev. Professor Milligan, D.D., Dr. Kilgour, Professor Struthers, M.D., the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D., Professor Nicol, Dr. Beveridge, John B. L. Birnie, Esq., John Humphrey, Esq., and the Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M. (Convener), with power to add to their number."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. Professor Milligan, D.D., and a show of hands having been taken, it was carried.

Dr. Struthers' Motion anent Medical Bursaries.

Professor Struthers, M.D., moved as follows, viz. :—

"Whereas there are numerous Bursaries for Students in the Faculties of Arts and Divinity, but only one in the Faculty of Medicine, the General Council represent to the University Court the importance of making known the want of Medical Bursaries in the University."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. Alexander Anderson, A.M., Marnoch, and was unanimously agreed to.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee for next meeting of Council all who had been members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

XXI.

On the Twelfth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy, the General Council met—the Principal in the Chair. October, 1870.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

There was read the following Deliverance made by the University Court at a Meeting on the 12th October, 1870, viz. :—"There was read a Representation made by the General Council on the 13th April, 1870, in reference to Medical Bursaries. On that Representation the Court unanimously made the following Deliverance, viz. :— Deliverance by the University Court, anent Medical Bursaries.

'The Court fully admit the existing want of Bursaries in the Medical Faculty, and the importance of having that want supplied in the case of deserving, but poor, students, who might earn them by competition. The Court will gladly go along with the other authorities of the University in any measures to be taken for accomplishing the desired object.'"

The Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., Renfrew, Convener of the Committee appointed by last Meeting of the Council, with reference to the better representation of the General Councils in the University Courts, read the Report of that Committee, viz. :— Report of Committee anent the Representation of the General Councils in the University Courts.

"At a Meeting of the General Council of this University, held in April, it was unanimously resolved—'That this Council, after an experience of ten years in working the Universities' Act, are of opinion that, under the present constitution of the Scottish Universities, the General Councils are not adequately represented in the University Courts:' and a Committee was appointed to consider the whole question. This Committee, while strongly of opinion that it is desirable that the power of the University Councils should be increased, felt that no effective action could be taken in this matter without consultation with the members of the other Universities of Scotland. No change could be made on the Universities' Act without the sanction of Parliament; and it is important, before any representation is made to the Legislature, that the several Universities should agree on the alterations which may be considered necessary, and co-operate to carry the measure. The Committee accordingly put themselves in communication with the Councils of the other Universities, both officially through the Secretaries of these Councils, and by private correspondence

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with gentlemen connected with the Universities of Glasgow, Edinburgh, and St. Andrews, with the view of ascertaining their opinions on this subject. The action of your Committee was considerably facilitated by the University of Glasgow having, a fortnight later, adopted a resolution to refer to their Business Committee to consider whether any and what changes are desirable in the Universities' Act. In conjunction with a few of those interested in this movement in the University of Glasgow, a private meeting was called in Edinburgh, in the month of May, which was attended by Members of the General Councils of all the Universities. From this your Committee gathered that the feeling was general, and decided, that the powers at present possessed by the Council are totally inadequate; and it was arranged that motions should be brought forward at the ensuing meetings of the General Councils of the other Universities, for the appointment of Committees to take into consideration these and other matters relating to the Universities, who might confer and consult with each other, so as to secure, as far as possible, unanimity and completeness in any representation to Parliament that may eventually be resolved on. In the meantime, therefore, and expecting that opportunities will be afforded for common consultation with the other Universities, your Committee deem it advisable to refrain from submitting to this meeting of the Council any definite plan of their own; and the more, as the circumstances and wants of the different Universities may require to be carefully considered in the framing of any draft proposals for modifying the Act. Your Committee, however, are of opinion that the number of the University Court in this University should be increased *at least* to nine, and that three of these at least should be elected by the General Council. Dr. Pirie wished it to be stated that he declined to concur in this recommendation, partly as being a member of the University Court, and partly because he did not know the evils which the proposition was intended to remedy. Your Committee feel themselves limited by the terms of the remit made to them; and as the Committees of the other General Councils will probably be empowered, and deem it expedient to extend their enquiries beyond the matters remitted to this Committee, so as to embrace all desirable changes on the Universities' Act; this Committee, if the Council should be pleased to

re-appoint them, would respectfully ask power to communicate with these Committees thereanent."

George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., moved:—

Dr. G. G. Brown's Motion.

"That the General Council approve of the Report; re-appoint the Committee, with power to consider what changes are desirable in any part of the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, and to communicate and confer with the other University Councils, or Committees appointed by them thereanent; and add the following members to the Committee:—George G. Brown, M.D.; Professor Bain; Professor Hunter; Robert White, M.D.; William Dunn, Esq.; John D. Milne, Esq.; Charles F. Ogg, Esq.; the Rev. James Gillan, D.D.; the Rev. John Abel, A.M.; and the Rev. John Middleton, A.M."

The Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D., desired that his name be withdrawn from the Committee, which was agreed to.

Dr. Brown's motion was seconded by John Humphrey, Esq.

Rev. J. Abel's Motion.

The Rev. John Abel, A.M., moved, "That the Council thank the Committee for their Report, direct it to be printed for the information of Members, and discharge the Committee."

This motion was seconded by Professor Black.

A show of hands having been taken, Dr. Brown's motion was carried.

Report of Committee anent providing Intramural Rooms, &c., for Students.

Mr. Stephen, Convener of the Committee appointed by last meeting, in reference to providing Rooms within the College for the Board, Lodging, and common Study of Students, read the Report of that Committee, viz.:—

"The one chief thing the Committee have had to keep before them is the limited means of most of the Students attending the University, and that, therefore, whatever is done in the way of providing residence for them, shall be such as may be within the reach of them all. If it were merely a residence without consideration of expense, a Hall might be erected by a Joint Stock Company as a commercial speculation. But in that case the shareholders would naturally expect some fair return for the outlay incurred; and board and lodging would not be supplied at less than £50 for the five months of the college session. This sum would be far beyond what many students attending the University could afford, and would practically place the institution beyond the reach of the great majority. It would be available only for the few wealthier students. There would thus also be intro-

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duced a separation—a distinction between the richer and poorer students—which would be anything but beneficial; and the advantages expected to arise from the mingling of all classes of students together would not be realised. The Committee, therefore, are anxious to obtain private subscriptions to such an extent as would defray the cost of the building, and probably of the furnishings. If the sum necessary for this purpose were subscribed, so that the building could be erected and furnished free, good board and lodging could then be offered to the students at such a rate as to be within the means of any of them who might choose to take advantage of it, and not much above what is ordinarily paid by them at present for private lodging. It would be easy to provide cheap accommodation, with mean rooms and poor food. But if such a Hall is to produce all the benefits desired from it, it must be done well, with everything comfortable and good, else it had better not be done at all. As, to a certain extent, such a Hall must be an experiment, the Committee contemplate in the meantime the erection of a building such as would accommodate fifty students, and it would be designed in such a way as to be capable of being easily enlarged. Several architects have been consulted as to the probable cost of a Hall such as would comfortably accommodate this number—with bed-rooms sufficiently commodious, large dining-room, library for common study, a few parlours for those who might wish for them, kitchen accommodation, &c., and suitable residence for the Head, or Master, who is to superintend the establishment. And an experienced architect has estimated the expense at about £6000. If subscriptions could be got to this amount it would be easy then to bring the rate of board and lodging within the means of most of the students. With the view of bringing the matter before the friends of the University, or of those who might be interested in such an institution, the Committee have printed the Report of the discussion on this subject at last meeting of the Council, which they mean to issue in the form of a circular to such gentlemen as they think may be disposed to assist in this object. We cannot expect large contributions to come in immediately. We can only hope for success by putting it forward to show the anticipated benefits that might result from such a Hall, and awakening an interest in it among those who are friendly to the University, and who may

be anxious to advance her prosperity. There may be gentlemen who are willing to give benefactions to the University, but who may be in doubt as to the way in which their money may be most usefully expended. And it will be of advantage to such to have some method presented to them in which their liberality may be most wisely and beneficially exercised. It may be mentioned that it is not intended to confine the proposed Hall to Arts Students, but to include Students of all the Faculties; and very considerable benefits would result to the younger students if over every five or six of them, an older, more experienced, and advanced student were placed, so as to advise, help, and superintend them. Such an arrangement has been successfully tried in Continental Universities; and we believe that similar benefits would be experienced here, and that the institution of such a Collegiate Hall as we have in view would be attended with the greatest possible advantages to the health, the manners, and the intellectual progress of the students. It would give, in short, a fresh start to University life in Aberdeen, and to higher education in the north of Scotland."

Dr. Pirie's Motion.

The Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D., moved, "That the Council continue this Committee, giving them every encouragement to prosecute the important object of their remit, and warmly recommending that object to the support of all friends of the University."

This motion was unanimously agreed to.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint, as a Business-Committee for next Meeting of Council, all who had been members of last Business-Committee.

Professor Struthers, M.D., gave notice that at next Meeting he will move:—

Dr. Struthers' Notice of Motion.

"The General Council and the University Court, having expressed their approval of the institution of Bursaries for Students in the Medical Faculty of the University, that a Committee be now appointed to take such steps as may seem to them advisable for carrying out the object in view."

Dr. Wight's Notice of Motion.

John Wight, Esq., M.D., gave notice that at next Meeting he will move, "That, in consequence of the difficulty of hearing in this Hall, the Committee to arrange Business provide accommodation for the Council Meetings in some other Room of these Buildings."

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

XXII.
April, 1871.

On the Twelfth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-one, the General Council met—the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D., in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

There was held as read the following Printed Report, viz.:—

Report of Committee anent changes desirable in the Universities' Act, and the Ordinances.

"At the last Meeting of the General Council of the University it was remitted to this Committee 'to consider what changes are desirable in any part of the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, and to communicate and confer with the other University Councils or Committees appointed by them thereanent.' Your Committee accordingly have carefully and anxiously considered the Universities' Act of 1858 with the view of suggesting such changes in, or modifications of, that Act as their experience of its working led them to believe were desirable and necessary. They also put themselves in communication with Committees appointed for a similar purpose by the General Councils of the other Universities, in order that the opinions of the members of these different Committees might be obtained, and the general feeling among the members of the Universities clearly understood; and that, by the mutual interchange of opinion, unanimity and completeness might be secured, as far as possible, in any proposals for alterations of that Act which might ultimately be laid before Parliament. While there is complete harmony among the Committees of the four Universities as to the unsatisfactory nature of much of the Act of 1858, and the necessity for many amendments on it, there has been—as was to be expected—on some points of detail a slight difference of opinion among the individual members of the various Committees. But in the main the four Committees are substantially agreed; and if the General Council are pleased to re-appoint this Committee, they expect that, by having in the course of the summer more frequent and better opportunities of conferring with the other Committees, they will be able, before next meeting of the Council, to have a measure finally adjusted, in which all the Universities will be agreed. In the meantime your Committee beg to submit, for the consideration of the General Council, the following

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changes on, and additions to, the Universities' Act, which they think of the highest importance for the good of the University.

I.—THE UNIVERSITY COURT.

1. That the number of Members in the Court shall be nine instead of six as at present.

2. That the Chancellor shall not have the power of nominating an Assessor to the Court when his present Assessor's term of office expires.

3. That the office of Dean of Faculties, as formerly existing in Marischal College, shall be revived: that the Dean shall be chosen by the Senatus, and shall be one of its Assessors in the University Court.

4. That the General Council shall appoint four Assessors to sit in that Court instead of one as at present.

5. That the Court shall consist of the following Members:—1. The Rector; 2. The Principal; 3. The Rector's Assessor; 4. The Senatus' Assessor, who may be a Member of that body; 5. The Dean of Faculties chosen by the Senatus; 6-9. Four Assessors nominated by the General Council.

6. That five of the Court shall be a quorum.

7. That voting by mandate shall be prohibited in the Court in any case.

8. That the Meetings of the Court shall be open to reporters and the public generally as far as practicable: and that in all cases the minutes of the Court shall be printed and laid before the General Council.

9. That the Court shall not delegate its powers to a Committee for any purpose, except in so far as implied in the next resolution.

10. That before making an appointment to any vacant Chair in the patronage of the Court, they shall refer the application of the candidates for such Chair to a small body of qualified Assessors, who shall report fully to the patrons on the respective merits of the applicants.

11. That clauses XII., 2. and XIX. of the Universities' Act be repealed, in so far as the sanction of the Chancellor is required to all improvements in the internal arrangements of the University, and to any changes in the ordinances, and that such sanction of the Chancellor shall not be necessary.

12. That in the case of any gift or endowment held by the University, which has taken effect for more han fifty years, if it shall appear to the University

that the general interests of learning and the main design of the donor may be better advanced by an alteration of the conditions or directions affecting such gift or endowment, it shall be lawful to the University Court, with the concurrence of the General Council, and with consent of the Privy Council, to alter or modify such conditions or directions, and to frame a new statute or ordinance for the application of such gift or endowment, in such manner as may better advance the purposes thereof.

II.—THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

1. That the present system by which Assessors from the Council to the Court are elected—namely, by voting papers—shall be abolished, and that the Assessors shall be elected by open voting of the members present at one of the half-yearly meetings of the Council, to be fixed upon as a meeting for electing Assessors.

This change is strongly recommended by the Committee, partly because the election of Assessors under the present system must be attended by considerable expense and trouble, both to the university officials, and to the supporters of the different candidates, but mainly because the Councils have been completely altered by the accession of very large numbers, whose sole object was to obtain a vote for the Parliamentary Representative, and who take no interest in the internal administration of the University. Dr. Struthers dissented from this recommendation.

2. That of the four Assessors to be elected by the Council, two of the four shall, at the first election under the amended statute, act for four years, and two for two years: the two who have the largest number of votes acting for four years. In the event of equality of votes, the election meeting shall determine who of the Assessors should hold office for four and who for two years; and that all elections after the first shall be biennial—two Assessors being elected at each biennial election meeting for a term of four years.

3. That the Council shall have power to meet at intermediate times, or on emergency; that the Principal shall, upon receiving a requisition from, say, Forty Members of Council, call an extraordinary meeting by advertisement, wherein shall be stated the time, place, and object of the meeting, and the advertisement shall be published in two or more newspapers, at least

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fourteen days previous to the date of the meeting,

4. That the Council shall be expressly empowered to appoint Committees to carry out special instructions, but to do no act not embraced in such instructions.

5. That when a representation on any question is made by the Council, to the University Court, the Court shall, if possible, return their deliverance thereon to the Business Committee of the Council, at least one month before the next half-yearly Council Meeting, so that, if necessary, action may be taken on such deliverance at the first meeting of Council thereafter.

6. That it would be beneficial to the University to introduce into the Senatus a limited number of non-professional members, and that for this purpose, in addition to the Dean of Faculties, who is to be chosen by the Senatus, as already mentioned, two other members shall be chosen by the Council, of whom one shall be a graduate in medicine, who shall have a seat, and vote in the Medical Faculty, and the other shall be a graduate in arts, who shall have a seat, and vote in the Faculty of Arts.

The Committee would, moreover, recommend that, in the election of a Lord Rector, the students shall vote in nations as at present, but that the election shall be decided, not by the majority of nations, but by the numerical majority of votes, adding together the votes in every nation for each candidate. Or that, in the event of the present system being retained, the election shall be determined by the numerical majority of votes, where there is an equality of nations. Should the numerical number of voters and nations for each candidate be equal, the decision might be referred to the last Rector.

In name of the Committee.

ROBERT STEPHEN, Convener."

The Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., Renfrew, moved :—

The Rev. R. Stephen's Motion.

"That this Report lie on the table, and that the Committee be re-appointed with the same powers as before."

This motion was seconded by the Rev. David Brown, D.D.

The Rev. Professor Trail, D.D., moved :—

Professor Trail's Motion.

"That no proposal of any change in the Universities' Act be entertained by this Council, until the terms of such proposal shall have been submitted to all the Members of the Council and their opinions on such proposal shall have been received."

This motion was seconded by Professor Black.

William Paul, Esq., moved :—

Mr. Paul's Motion.

"That the Report of the Committee be allowed to lie on the table till next Meeting of the Council, to afford an opportunity for its consideration by the Members."

The Rev. Professor Milligan, D.D., moved as follows :—

Professor Milligan's Motion.

"The Council, having heard the Report of the Committee, find that there are some points in it worthy of approval, but others that appear to this Council objectionable. The Council, therefore, remit the Report back to the Committee, with instructions to reconsider the subject in the light of the opinions expressed at this Meeting; and with power to communicate with the other University Councils. The Council add the following names to the Committee—Professor Geddes, Professor Trail, Professor Black, the Rev. James Smith, B.D., William Paul, Esq., the Rev. William Fergusson, A.M., Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M., James Badanoch Nicolson, Esq., A.M."

This motion was seconded by the Rev. Wm. Fergusson, A.M.

After discussion, Mr. Paul, Dr. Trail, and Mr. Stephen withdrew their motions, and Dr. Milligan's motion was unanimously adopted.

Committee anent Intramural Residence.

It was unanimously resolved to re-appoint the Committee appointed by last Meeting anent providing Rooms within the College for the Board, Lodging, and Common Study of Students.

Professor Struthers, M.D., moved as follows :—

Professor Struthers' Motion anent Medical Bursaries.

"The General Council and the University Court having expressed their approval of the institution of Bursaries for Students in the Medical Faculty of the University, that a Committee be now appointed to take such steps as may seem to them advisable for carrying out the object in view, viz. :—Dr. Kilgour, Dr. George G. Brown, Professor Harvey, M.D., Dr. Alex. Ogston, Dr. Rodger, the Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., Professor Bain, LL.D., and Professor Struthers, M.D. (Convener)."

This motion was unanimously agreed to.

John Wight, Esq., M.D., moved :—

Dr. Wight's Motion anent a Room for Council Meetings

"That in consequence of the difficulty of Hearing in this Hall, the Committee to arrange Business provide accommodation for the Council Meetings in some other Room of these Buildings."

It was unanimously agreed that next Meeting of the Council shall be held in the Natural History Class-room.

There was read a communication from the United Presbyterian Synod in favour of Entrance Examinations at the Universities. Entrance Examinations at the Universities

It was unanimously agreed that the communication lie on the table.

As George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., was absent from indisposition, the motion of which he had given notice to the Business Committee, anent the Scottish Education Bill, was not brought forward.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee for next Meeting of Council those who were Members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XXIII.
October, 1871.

On the Eleventh day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-one, the General Council met—the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

With reference to the subject of the last Motion in these Minutes, the President made some remarks pointing out the unsuitableness of a Class-Room for the Meeting of Council, and in compliance with the unanimous request of the Meeting, undertook to bring the state of the Hall in respect to the difficulty of hearing under the notice of H. M. Board of Works with a view to its being remedied.

There was held as read the following Printed Report, viz.:—

Report of the Committee anent changes desirable in the Universities' Act, and the Ordinances.

"When the Committee presented their last report at the meeting of the Council in April, the Council, while approving of some of the recommendations then made, considered it advisable to remit the whole subject to the Committee for reconsideration. Since then, a meeting of members of the several committees appointed by the four University Councils, was held in Edinburgh, in May, with the view of exchanging ideas, and ascertaining, as far as possible, the opinions of the members of the different Universities. At that meeting, which many representatives of all the committees attended, though no formal resolutions were taken, and the consideration of details was not entered on, it was the unanimous opinion of those present that the Councils are inadequately represented in the Courts; and that steps should be taken by the different University Councils to procure for them increased representation in the Courts. There are circumstances in some of the Universities which are peculiar, and for which provision can be made only by themselves. In the meantime, your Committee make the following recommendations to the Council:—

I.—THE UNIVERSITY COURT.

1. That the number of the representatives of the General Council in the Court should be increased.

2. That the Rector be appointed by the students as heretofore, but that the voting be by numbers and not by nations.

3. That the Court shall consist of the following members:—(1.) The Rector. (2.) The Principal. (3.) The Rector's Assessor. (4 and 5.) Two Assessors elected by the Senatus.

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(6, 7, and 8.) Three Assessors nominated by the General Council.

4. That a majority of the Court shall be a quorum.

5. That voting by mandate shall be prohibited in the Court.

6. That the meetings of the Court shall be open to reporters, except in cases of discipline.

7. That the Chancellor be elected for a limited period, and not for life.

8. That Clauses xii. 2, and xix. of the Universities' Act be repealed in so far as the sanction of the Chancellor is required to all improvements in the internal arrangements of the University, and to any changes in the ordinances, and that such sanction of the Chancellor shall not be necessary.

II.—THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

1. That the Council shall have power to meet at intermediate times on emergency: That the Principal shall, upon receiving a requisition from, say twenty-five members of Council, call an extraordinary meeting, giving adequate notice by advertisement or otherwise, wherein shall be stated the time, place, and object of the meeting, and the notice shall be published in two or more newspapers, at least fourteen days previous to the date of the meeting.

2. That the Council shall be expressly empowered to appoint Committees, but not to delegate their powers.

3. That the sanction of the Privy Council shall not be required for any changes in the ordinances except those affecting pecuniary interests.

4. That the electors for the Scotch Universities shall have the privilege of voting by ballot in the event of vote by ballot becoming the law of the land for other constituencies.

Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, under the heading University Court, were unanimously agreed to; and Nos. 1 and 2, under the heading General Council, were also unanimously agreed to.

The following dissents were entered to the clause of the report regarding the constitution of the University Court:—

'We dissent from that part of the report which proposes the removal of the Chancellor's Assessor from the University Court.

W. MILLIGAN.
J. B. L. BIRNIE.'

'I dissent from the proposed constitution of the University

Court, on the ground that the Chancellor is not to have a seat in the University Court.

PATRICK COOPER.'

'We dissent, because, in our opinion, the Rector should be elected by the General Council and not by the Students; and, as a consequence, the Assessors to be elected directly by the Council be two instead of three.

PATRICK COOPER.
J. B. L. BIRNIE.'"

The Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., moved:—

The Rev. R. Stephen's Motion.

"That the Council, without committing themselves to all the details of the Report, approve of it generally, and re-appoint the Committee with the same powers."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. David Brown, D.D.

The Rev. Professor Trail, D.D., moved as an amendment:—

Dr. Trail's Amendment.

"That the Council, without committing themselves to the details of the Report, re-appoint the Committee."

This Amendment was seconded by Professor Black.

After discussion Mr. Stephen having modified his motion thus:— "That the Council, without committing themselves to the details of the Report, re-appoint the Committee with the same powers," it was unanimously agreed to.

There was read the following Report, viz.:—

Report of Committee anent Medical Bursaries.

"The Committee appointed by the General Council to consider in what manner the approval by the Council of the Institution of Medical Bursaries in the University can be best carried into effect, has considered the question so far as to be able to give in an interim report. The Committee is of opinion that the best method of proceeding would be to have a statement drawn up setting forth the great want of Bursaries in the Medical as compared with the other Faculties in the University, and, at the same time, indicating the conditions under which such Bursaries would be most likely to prove useful. In regard to the latter point, the Committee desires to say now, that it is of opinion that any such Bursaries should be open to all and given by competition; that the competition, while embracing the parts of general education, should give prominence to natural science; and that after two years the tenure of such Bursaries for the remaining two years of medical study should depend on a satisfactory examination being passed in the earlier branches of the medical curriculum. In the event of the General Council seeing fit to re-appoint the Committee, it would endeavour to prepare a statement such as that above indicated, to be submitted to another meeting of the Council."

Dr. G. G. Brown's Motion.

George G. Brown, Esq., M.D., moved, "That the Committee be re-appointed," which motion was seconded by Alexander Ogston, Esq., M.D., and was unanimously agreed to.

John Paterson, Esq., M.R.C.S.E., withdrew the Motion of which he had given notice to the Business-Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Christie's Motion anent the Curriculum in Arts.

The Rev. John Christie, D.D., moved:—

> "That a Committee be appointed to consider whether any improvements might be effected in the Curriculum for the Degree in Arts; and more especially, whether some option should not be allowed for the study of Greek."

This Motion was seconded by John Duguid Milne, Esq., A.M.

After discussion, Dr. Christie modified his Motion thus:—

> "That a Committee be appointed to consider the question of the Arts Curriculum, and the Regulations for granting Degrees in Arts: the Committee to consist of the Rev. Dr. Christie (Convener), John D. Milne, Esq., A.M., Professor Nicol, Professor Bain, LL.D., Professor Struthers, M.D., the Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D., the Rev. Professor Milligan, D.D., the Rev. David Brown, D.D., the Rev. Alexander Beverly, A.M., Professor Black, Professor Geddes, the Rev. William R. Smith, A.M., and the Rev. William Fergusson, A.M."

The Motion as thus modified was unanimously agreed to.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee for next Meeting of Council those who were Members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed), P. C. CAMPBELL.

XXIV.
April, 1872.

On the Tenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-two, the General Council met.

The Rev. Professor Pirie, D.D., the Senior Professor present, took the Chair, and when he found it necessary, on account of other business, to leave the Meeting the Rev. Professor Martin, LL.D., the next Senior Professor present, took the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

In the absence, on account of illness, of the Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., Convener of the Committee appointed to consider what changes are desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, Professor Bain, LL.D., laid on the table the following Printed Report drawn up by the Committee, viz. :—

Report of the Committee anent changes desirable in the Universities' Act, and the Ordinances.

"Your Committee after the most careful re-consideration of all the points which have been several times submitted to the Council, and of the discussions thereupon, beg to recommend the following for the approval of the Council :—

I.—THE CHANCELLOR.

1. That the Chancellor be elected for eight years, instead of for life, and that he may be re-elected.

2. That the veto at present possessed by the Chancellor shall be abolished. [Agreed to by a majority of 8 to 4—Professor Black dissented.]

II.—THE RECTOR.

1. That the Lord Rector shall be elected by the Students as heretofore, but that the voting shall be by numbers, and not by nations: and that, in the event of an equality of votes, the last Lord Rector shall have the casting vote. [Agreed to by a majority of 9 to 2.]

III.—THE COURT.

1. That the University Court shall consist of the following members:—1 The Rector; 2 The Principal; 3 The Chancellor's Assessor; 4 The Rector's Assessor; 5-6 Two Assessors from the Senatus; 7-8-9 Three Assessors from the General Council.

2. That the majority of the Court shall be a quorum:

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and that in the event of equality, the power of the Chairman shall be as at present. [Agreed to by a majority of 9 to 3.]

3. That the meetings of the Court shall be open to reporters and the public, as far as practicable, except in cases of discipline.

IV.—The Council.

1. That the Council shall have power to meet at intermediate times on emergency: such meetings to be summoned by the Principal, on receiving a requisition from twenty-five members of the Council: and the time of meeting and the business to be advertised sixteen days previous to date of meeting.

2. That the Council be expressly empowered to appoint Committees, but not to delegate their powers.

3. That all improvements or alterations in the internal arrangements of the University, designed by the Court or Senatus, shall, before being carried into effect, be submitted to the Council for their consideration.

4. That the sanction of the Privy Council shall not be necessary for any changes in the Ordinances, except those affecting pecuniary interests. [Agreed to by a majority of 6 to 4.]

5. That in the event of vote by ballot becoming the law of the land for other constituencies, opportunities shall be afforded to those electors for the Scottish Universities who desire to vote by ballot, to do so by voting personally at the University seat.

6. That the Universities' Act having now been in operation for twelve years, there has been time to form a judgment of its working and influence on education. That in all the University Councils, dissatisfaction has been expressed with various portions both of the Act itself, and of the Ordinances of the Commissioners appointed within it, but there is considerable difference of opinion as to the suitable remedies for the evils complained of. It seems, therefore, desirable that the Government, or the Legislature, whose intervention is necessary, should direct a public inquiry to be made in the first instance, and that application be made to Government to appoint a Commission for that purpose.

The subject of Entrance Examinations was brought under the notice of the Committee by a communication from the Committee of the Glasgow University Council. While admitting it to be desirable to raise the standard of proficiency of those entering the University, the Committee are not prepared to express an opinion as to efficiency of

Entrance Examinations for this end, and as regards this University in particular, the influence of the Bursary Competition far surpasses any stimulus that could be given by a mere pass examination. Report of the Committee anent changes desirable in the Universities' Act, and the Ordinances.

In name of the Committee,

ROBERT STEPHEN, Convener."

Professor Bain then moved "That the Council approve generally of the Report, and continue the Committee to take any farther steps towards carrying out the objects contemplated." Dr. Bain's Motion.

This motion was seconded by Professor Nicol.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to take up the Clauses of the Report separately, and to commence with Clause 2 of Section I. Decisions on the Clauses of the Report.

A show of hands having been taken on the said Clause, it was approved of, as there voted for it 22, against it 19.

A show of hands was then taken on Clause 1 of Section I., and it was approved of, as there voted for it 33, against it 26.

The Rev. William M. Macpherson, A.M., recorded his Dissent from this decision.

Section II., and Clauses 1, 2, 3, of Section III. were severally taken up and unanimously approved of.

Clause 1 of Section IV. was then taken up, and Professor Trail, D.D., moved that it be not agreed to. The Rev. Wm. M. Macpherson, A.M., seconded this motion, and a show of hands having been taken, the Clause was approved of, as there voted for it 28, against it 16.

Clause 2 of Section IV. was unanimously approved of.

Professor Bain moved that Clause 3 of Section IV. be re-committed to the Committee, which motion was unanimously agreed to.

Professor Trail moved that the Council disapprove of Clause 4 of Section IV., which motion was seconded by Professor Black.

Professor Bain moved that the Clause be re-committed to the Committee.

A show of hands having been taken, Professor Bain's motion was carried, as there voted for it 36, and for Professor Trail's, 18.

The Rev. William M. Macpherson, A.M., moved that Clause 5 of Section IV. be omitted, which motion was seconded by the Rev. James Simpson, A.M.

A show of hands having been taken, the Clause was re-

tained, as there voted for Mr. Macpherson's motion 10, and against it 32.

Professor Trail moved that Clause 6 of Section IV. be re-committed to the Committee, which motion was seconded by the Rev. James Simpson, A.M.

A show of hands having been taken, this motion was carried, as there voted for it 25, whilst for approval of the Clause there voted 20.

Professor Bain's first motion with regard to the whole report was then agreed to, with the modifications just mentioned, viz., that Clauses 3, 4, and 6 of Section "IV. THE COUNCIL" be re-committed to the Committee.

Committee anent Intramural Residence.

It was unanimously resolved to re-appoint the Committee formerly appointed anent providing Rooms within the College for the Board, Lodging, and Common Study of Students.

Report of the Committee on the Arts Curriculum.

The Rev. John Christie, D.D., laid on the table the following Printed Report, viz. :—

"The Committee appointed by last meeting of Council to consider the question of the Arts Curriculum, and the regulations for granting Degrees in Arts have held three meetings, and after long and full discussion of the subject remitted to them, report as follows :—

I.—That they are not prepared to recommend any change at present on the curriculum for the Degree of M.A.

II.—That they recommend the institution of a separate Degree for those students who may not desire to devote so much attention to Classics, as is necessary for the M.A. Degree.

III.—That the curriculum for the proposed Degree shall consist of any three out of the following four departments :—

1. { 1. English Literature.
   { 2. Two out of the three languages, Latin, French, and German.
2. { Mathematics.
   { Natural Philosophy.
3. { Logic.
   { Moral Philosophy.
4. { Natural History,
   { Chemistry, and
   { either Physiology
   { or Botany.

The above resolution was carried by the casting vote of the Convener against a proposal to make the first depart-

ment imperative, and to restrict the option to any two out of the other three. Report of the Committee on the Arts Curriculum.

It was also proposed that department No. 1. should stand as follows :—

English Literature.
Latin or Greek.
French or German.

But this motion was negatived by 5 to 3.

The Committee recommend that the Council shall transmit these resolutions to the University Court, and further bring under their notice that fully to carry out the scheme now recommended would require the institution of additional chairs, one of English Literature, and one of Modern Languages.

Dissented from the scheme in the above form in so far as it renders possible the obtaining of an academic degree without a knowledge of Latin, Professors Geddes, Black, and Smith.

JOHN CHRISTIE, Convener."

Dr. Christie then moved "That the Report be adopted and transmitted to the University Court, that the Committee be continued with power to correspond with other University Councils on this subject, and that the following names be added to the Committee, Patrick Cooper, Esq., Advocate, and the Rev. Mr. Philip, St. Clement's." Dr. Christie's Motion.

This motion was seconded by John Duguid Milne, Esq., A.M.

The Rev. William R. Smith, A.M., moved as follows :— "The Council approve the diligence of the Committee, and remit the Report, enjoining the Committee to re-consider their proposal to make Latin, English, and Mathematics, Optional Subjects." The Rev. W. R. Smith's Motion.

This motion was seconded by Professor Black.

The Rev. James Smith, A.M., Tarland, moved "That the Council approve the diligence of the Committee, and the I. and II. heads of the Report, but amend III. 1. as follows :— The Rev. as. Smith's Motion.

1. English Literature.
2. Latin or Greek.
3. French or German,

and that this be Imperative; and that, with this amendment, the Report be sent back to the Committee with special instructions to re-consider the other Optional Subjects."

The Rev. James Whyte, D.D., seconded this motion.

The Rev. William R. Smith having withdrawn his motion a show of hands was taken, when there voted for Dr. Christie's motion, 28, and for the Rev. James Smith's motion, 14.

Committee anent Medical Bursaries.

It was unanimously resolved to re-appoint the Committee formerly appointed anent Medical Bursaries.

The Rev. James Smith's Motion anent the Library Catalogue.

The Rev. James Smith, B.D., Newhills, moved as follows :—

"The Council represent to the Court that, when the Library Catalogue is printed, the impression should be sufficiently large to admit (1) of some copies being placed in the Library for the purpose of being lent out; and (2) of some copies being deposited for reference throughout the North of Scotland, or otherwise disposed of."

This motion was seconded by the Rev. Alexander Watt, A.M., and, a show of hands having been taken, was carried.

There was read a communication from the General Council of the University of St. Andrews, in favour of Entrance Examinations.

It was unanimously agreed to refer this communication to the Committee appointed to consider the changes desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee for next Meeting of Council those who were Members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.
WILLIAM MARTIN.

XXV.
October, 1872.

On the Ninth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Two, the General Council met—the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Council proceeded to the Election of an Assessor for the ensuing four years, under Ordinance No. 11.

William F. Ogg, Esq., A.M., proposed that the Rev. John Christie, D.D., be elected as Assessor. This motion was seconded by Professor Ogston, M.D., and was unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. Dr. Christie is elected Assessor.

The Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

The following printed Deliverance by the University Court, on the representation made by last Meeting of the Council anent Printing the Library Catalogue, was held as read, viz.:—

Deliverance by the University Court anent Printing the Library Catalogue.

"The Court unanimously approve of the suggestion of the Senatus Academicus that 300 copies of the Catalogue shall be Printed, on the understanding that the price shall not exceed Nineteen Shillings per Sheet of 16 Pages, and that in all other respects the 'Specifications for Printing Aberdeen University Library Catalogue' given in by Mr. Fyfe and docketed in connection herewith, shall be adhered to, and that a moderate charge shall be made from those purchasing the Catalogue."

The Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., Convener of the Committee appointed to consider what changes are desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, laid on the Table the following Printed Report, viz.:—

Report by the Committee on changes desirable in the Universities' Act & the Ordinances.

"When the Committee presented their last report, the General Council approved of the recommendations contained in that report, except three clauses, which were sent back to the Committee for further consideration. They have accordingly very carefully deliberated on these clauses, and now recommend:—

1. That the University Court shall have power to effect improvements in the internal arrangements of the University, after due communication with the Senatus Academicus, provided that all such proposed inprovements, before being finally adopted, shall be submitted to the University

Report by the Committee on Changes desirable in the Universities' Act & the Ordinances.

Council, that they may have an opportunity of considering them, and making any representation regarding them to the University Court.

2. That the sanction of the Privy Council shall not be necessary, except when General Ordinances are proposed to be altered, or pecuniary interests are affected.

3. The Committee agree not to press, in the meantime, for the appointment of a Royal Commission.

The Committee had before them a communication regarding Entrance Examinations from the General Council of the University of St. Andrews. They resolved to reply in terms similar to those in which they had already answered a letter on the same subject from the Glasgow University Council:—"That, while admitting it to be desirable to raise the standard of proficiency of those entering the University, they are not prepared to express an opinion as to the efficiency of Entrance Examinations for this end. And as regards this University in particular, the influence of the Bursary Competition far surpasses any stimulus that could be given by a mere pass examination.

In name of the Committee.

ROBERT STEPHEN, Convener."

The Council unanimously approved of the Report, and Mr. Stephen then moved:—

"That the Committee be reappointed with the same powers, and that the report of the Committee as now approved at this and the former meeting of Council be printed and sent to the Councils of the other Scottish Universities and their opinions invited thereon."

This motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., Convener of the Committee appointed anent providing Rooms within the College for the Board, Lodging, and Common Study of Students, made a verbal Report, and moved that the Committee be reappointed, which motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. John Christie, D.D., Convener of the Committee appointed to consider the question of the Arts Curriculum, made a verbal Report, and moved that the Committee be reappointed, which motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. Dr. D. Brown's Motion for a Meeting of Committees.

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., moved as follows:—

"Whereas there is a growing conviction amongst the Members of all the University Councils of Scotland that

from the Councils of the Four Scottish Universities.

some changes in the Ordinances are needed in order to the full development and adaptation of our Universities to the wants of the time; whereas this end cannot be attained without a joint-application to Parliament on the part of all the Councils; whereas, in order to such joint-application, much consultation between the different Councils, through their Committees, will be required, by reason of the different footing on which the Universities have been respectively placed by those Ordinances: it is the opinion of this Council that a joint-meeting of the Committees of the four University Councils should be statedly held in Edinburgh once a year in the month of May, for consultation on University affairs; and, should this resolution approve itself to the other University Councils, that they be respectfully requested to instruct their respective Committees to make the necessary arrangements for such meeting with the Committee of this Council, who are hereby empowered to carry out this resolution."

This Motion was seconded by the Rev. Robert Reid.

Mr. Paul's Amendment.

William Paul, Esq., moved as an Amendment:—

"That, whereas it is expedient and necessary that the General Councils of the Scotch Universities should possess the means of more readily consulting on matters affecting their common interests, and of arriving at a mutual understanding and agreement when joint action on their part is necessary: it is the opinion of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen that a joint meeting of Committees, to be appointed by the four University Councils, should be annually held in Edinburgh, in the month of May, for consultation on University affairs, and at such other times, *pro re nata*, as may be arranged. That, therefore, it is resolved, respectfully to request the other University Councils favourably to consider this proposal, and, if they see cause, to take steps for carrying it into effect as soon as convenient."

This Amendment was seconded by the Rev. Jas. Simpson, A.M.

On a division, the Amendment was carried, as there voted for the Motion, 18; and for the Amendment, 21.

James Rodger, Esq., M.B., moved that the Committee anent Medical Bursaries be reappointed, which motion was unanimously agreed to.

It was unanimously agreed to reappoint the Business-Committee, adding to the former members, William Paul, Esq., and Farquharson T. Garden, Esq.

Dr. Wight's Notice of Motion.

John Wight, Esq., M.D., gave notice that, at next Meeting of the Council, he will move :—

"That the Council represent to the University Court the desirability of Printing a Catalogue of the Medical Library of the University."

Dr. Templeton's Notice of Motion.

William Templeton, Esq., M.D., gave notice that, at next Meeting of the Council, he will move :—

"That a representation be made to the University Court in favour of instituting Middle Class Schools Examinations."

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

On the Ninth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Three, the General Council met, the Principal in the Chair. **XXVI.** April, 1873.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Deliverance of the University Court on the Representation anent a New Degree in Arts.

The following Deliverance by the University Court, dated December 13, 1872, on the Representation made by the General Council in April, 1872, in favour of instituting a New Degree in Arts, having been printed, was held as read, viz. :—

"The Court thoroughly sympathise with the main design and object proposed by the Council, which they understand to be that Greek should cease to be a compulsory part of the Curriculum, and that the teaching of our own literature and of French and German literature should be allowed as an option."

Draft Deliverance on the same subjec sent by the Court.

On December 7, 1872, the Rector, Mountstuart Elphinstone Grant Duff, Esq., M.P., laid on the table of the University Court a Draft of a Deliverance which he intended should be made on the above-mentioned Representation of the General Council. On December 13, 1872, the Court sent this Draft Deliverance to the General Council "to consider and report," and printed copies of it having been distributed in the Meeting it was held as read and was as follows, viz. :—

"The University Court has attentively considered the report of the Council's Committee on the subject of the Arts Curriculum which the Council has adopted and submitted to the Court.

The Court could have wished a more detailed statement in explanation of the report, and particularly of the Committee's reasons for some of the conclusions it has come to. But the Court understands it to be the main design and object of the Council to have the Arts Curriculum widened and improved, so that fresh optional branches of study may be introduced, and that an Arts degree may become attainable without that amount of Classical knowledge which is now compulsory.

The Court thoroughly sympathises with this view, and desires to express its conviction that to enlarge the present Curriculum, and to introduce other and optional branches of instruction, is a thing right in itself and called for by the Community.

Draft Deliverance on the Representation anent a New Degree in Arts, sent by the Court to the Council, "to consider and Report."

But it appears to the Court that this object will be better attained in another way than that proposed in the Report: that it is not expedient for this University to look to instituting a new and inferior degree: and that the requisite improvements should take place in the Curriculum for the degree of Master of Arts.

All the objects of the Committee and of the Council, as the Court understands them, will be thus secured, and without the serious objections which appear to attach to the Committee's scheme of a new degree.

Among these objections the following may be enumerated:—

The institution of such a degree would not commend itself to other Universities even in Scotland, or induce them to follow the example if attempted in Aberdeen. The Committee of the Edinburgh University Council has agreed to an elaborate report, since adopted, it is believed, by the Council itself, wherein its members unanimously disapprove of any attempt to institute an inferior degree in Arts, and recommend the enlargement and revision of the basis of the M.A. degree.

Again, the M.A. degree is known, recognized, and appreciated, not in Scotland only, but in England and abroad, and those holding it stand in a position which the new and necessarily inferior degree would not insure.

Both in Aberdeen and in other Scotch Universities, the actual possession of the M.A. degree is required as a title to compete for the leading scholarships, and other great academical prizes, *e.g.*, the eight Fullarton Scholarships in Aberdeen, and the Ferguson Scholarships in Glasgow. The ordinances too, as to most of the bursaries in this University require the holders to go through the whole Curriculum in Arts for the M.A. degree.

For these and other reasons the M.A. degree will remain that looked to, and aimed at by almost every student in Aberdeen who aspires to the honours of the University; and the University Court is very decidedly of opinion that the reforms desired by the Council should be directed as in Edinburgh, to enlarge the Curriculum for that degree.

Such being the opinion of the Court, it has turned its attention to the revision of the Curriculum for the M.A. degree, and to lightening the load of Classics which at present overweights those students who have no special turn for ancient literature.

The Court, while sensible that the amount of attention to the Classics now exacted is unreasonable, and results in

an amount of classical learning so small as to be quite out of proportion to the force expended in acquiring it, would be most unwilling to sanction any steps which would tend to diminish the number of really sound classical scholars in the University, but it is confident that the changes to which the Court has given its sanction, will have a diametrically opposite effect.

Draft Deliverance on the Representation anent a New Degree in Arts, sent by the Court to the Council, "to consider and Report."

The following are the Resolutions to which the Court has this day agreed:—

I.—That the number of hours devoted to Latin and Greek shall be diminished, and that the time taken from them shall be divided amongst other studies.

II.—That Natural Science shall be taught more extensively, and in other branches than at present, during the University Course.

III.—That a Teacher of the French language and a Teacher of the German language shall be appointed.

IV.—That after the day of all students who desire to obtain the M.A. degree, and do not state in writing that they prefer to be examined in Greek, shall be bound to prove to the satisfaction of the Examiners, that they can read and translate French and German with ease and correctness.

V.—That students who state in writing that they prefer to be examined in Greek, must prove to the satisfaction of the examiners that they have read in the original, and are well acquainted with—

The Gospel of St. John.
Book I. of the Iliad or Odyssey.
The Medea of Euripides.
The Œdipus Coloneus of Sophocles.
The Agamemnon of Æschylus.
50 Chapters of Book I. of Herodotus.
30 Chapters of Book I. of Thucydides.

Further, that they have read intelligently, in some good translation, the whole of the Iliad and Odyssey, the whole of Herodotus, and the whole of Thucydides, and have a general acquaintance with the geography of Greece, and with the *larger* facts of Greek history, from the earliest times down to the year, 1862.

VI.—That, considering the importance of teaching Greek as a living language, special regard shall be had in the appointment of an Assistant for the Professor of Greek, to his power of teaching Greek colloquially.

VII.—That as soon as this arrangement shall have been

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carried into effect, the Professor of Greek shall be invited to devote more of his attention to giving the students a knowledge of, and an interest in Grecian History, Literature, and Art, than is possible, while he is obliged to sacrifice so much of his time to mere linguistic drill.

VIII.—That the Latin Examination for the M.A. degree shall be directed to testing the acquaintance of the student with—

1. The Georgics of Virgil.
2. The Odes of Horace.
3. The Histories of Tacitus.
4. The first five Satires of Juvenal.
5. The Anthologia Latina.
6. The Geography of Italy.
7. The broad facts of the History of Rome, from the earliest times down to the death of Marcus Aurelius.

IX.—That the Moral Philosophy class, instead of having 150 meetings as at present, shall have only 100 meetings, of which 60 shall be devoted to the History of Philosophy, and 40 to Political Economy.

X.—That the University shall pay the sum in each year to a Lecturer, not necessarily a member of the University, but to be appointed from time to time by the University Court to deliver a course of not less than 10 lectures on History during the Session.

XI.—That it be referred to the University Court in Committee to consider how the money required for carrying into effect these changes shall be raised, and that it be an instruction to the Committee to have regard to the effect of these changes upon the income of the existing Professors, so as to prevent individual interests suffering more than can be helped."

Report of the Committee on the Arts' Curriculum.

There was held as read the following printed Report:—

"The Committee of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen, on the Arts' Curriculum, met at Marischal College, on the 18th March, 1873, to consider, in anticipation, the following resolutions of the University Court with reference to the Representation made by the Council at its last meeting on the subject of the Arts' Curriculum:—

'1. That the Court sympathise with the main design and object proposed by the Council, which they understand to be that Greek should cease to be a compulsory part of the

Curriculum, and that the teaching of our own literature, and French and German literature should be allowed as an option.

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2. Further, that the Court agree to refer the Draft Deliverance, laid on the table at the last meeting by the Rector, to the Senatus and University Council to consider and report.'

Present:—John Duguid Milne, Esq.; Patrick Cooper, Esq.; Professors Milligan, Nicol, Geddes, Black, Bain, Struthers, Smith, Brown; Dr. Beverly, Mr. Fergusson, and the Convener.

The Convener's conduct in calling the Committee together having been approved, the Committee agreed to proceed to the discussion of the two points contained in the notice of meeting.

Whereupon, it was moved and seconded:—

'1. That the University Court have, in the opinion of this Committee, inaccurately expressed the decision of the University Council at its last half-yearly meeting, in so far as they state it to be 'the main design of the Council's proposal that Greek should cease to be a compulsory part of the Curriculum.' The Council's object was that Greek should continue to be compulsory for the Degree of M.A. as heretofore, and only optional with reference to a Curriculum for another degree.'

It was also moved and seconded:—

'That this Committee regard the statement of the Court as fairly expressing the general views of the University Council.'

For the former motion there voted—Drs. Brown and Milligan; Professors Geddes, Black, and Smith; and Mr. Fergusson.

For the latter motion there voted—Messrs. John Duguid Milne, and Cooper; Professors Nicol, Struthers, and Bain; Dr. Beverly, and the Convener.

The Committee therefore report to the Council in terms of the latter motion.

Further, it was moved and seconded:—

'1. That the Committee having reconsidered the question as to the propriety of instituting a New Degree, retaining the M.A. upon its present basis, resolve to recommend the Council to adhere in principle to the scheme already approved of by the Council.'

It was also moved and seconded:—

'2. That to prevent delay, and to aid the Council in answering the reference from the Court, the Committee would respectfully recommend the Council to depart from

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its former opinion in respect to the institution of a New Degree, and to concur in the proposal of the Draft Deliverance of the Court, that the objects should be accomplished by improving the M.A. degree.'

For the former motion there voted 6, and for the latter 7, as for the first two motions. The committee therefore report to the Council in terms of the second motion."

Dr. Christie's Motion.

The Rev. John Christie, D.D., moved—"That the Council adopt the Report of the Committee on the Arts' Curriculum, and that the Committee be re-appointed to consider the Draft Deliverance sent down from the Court, and to report thereon to next meeting of Council."

This motion was seconded by the Rev. George F. I. Philip, A.M.

Dr. Brown's Motion.

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., moved—"1. That the General Council, having considered the Draft Deliverance sent down from the University Court, finds that it proceeds upon a misunderstanding of the scheme, in favour of which the Council formerly passed a resolution. 2. That the Council is still of opinion that the proposal to institute a New Degree offers the best solution of the question at issue, and resolves to adhere to the principle of the scheme formerly approved of, viz., the institution of a New Degree. 3. That the Committee on the Curriculum be re-appointed, with the addition of the following members,
to draw up, in conformity with the foregoing resolutions, a Report on the provisions contained in the Draft Deliverance sent down from the University Court, and bring their Report before next Meeting of Council."

This motion was seconded by the Rev. Professor Milligan, D.D.

On a division, Dr. Brown's motion was carried, as there voted for it 123, and for Dr. Christie's motion 37.

Committee on the Arts' Curriculum.

Dr. Christie, Dr. Bain, and Professor Nicol obtained leave to retire from the Committee, and by the addition of new members the Committee was unanimously constituted as follows :—The Rev. David Brown, D.D. (Convener), John D. Milne, Esq., A.M., Professor Struthers, M.D., Professor Pirie, D.D., Professor Milligan, D.D., the Rev. Alexander Beverly, LL.D., Professor Black, Professor Geddes, the Rev. William R. Smith, A.M., the Rev. William Fergusson, A.M., Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M., the Rev. George F. I. Philip, A.M., Professor Trail, D.D., John F. White, Esq., A.M., the Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., Robert Jamieson, Esq., M.D., Alexander Simpson, Esq., David Dyce Brown,

Esq., M.D., the Rev. James Whyte, D.D., William Yeats, Esq., A.M., Alexander Martin, Esq., A.M., the Rev. John Watt, B.D.

There was held as read the following printed Report:—

Report of the Committee anent changes desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances.

"At a meeting of Committee of the Aberdeen University Council, on the subject of the Universities' (Scotland) Act, 1858, held in the Marischal College Buildings, on the 21st day of March, 1873; Present:—The Rev. Dr. David Brown, the Rev. Dr. Trail, Professors Nicol, Struthers, and Geddes, the Rev. W. Fergusson, and W. F. Ogg, advocate—The Rev. Dr. David Brown in the chair.

There was laid before the meeting a letter from Mr. Stephen, the Convener of the Committee, with an accompanying Report of the Committee appointed by the Council of the Edinburgh University anent the Universities' Act. This Report had been submitted to the meeting of the Edinburgh General Council held on the 16th April, 1872, and its consideration deferred.

Mr. Stephen suggested that no action should be taken, in the meantime, on the proposal to apply for a commission to inquire into the working of the Universities' Act. The meeting concurred in this view, on account of the unsettled state of the Government, and because some of the University Councils had not finally resolved on the alterations they were to crave.

The Committee resolved, in reporting their proceedings to the next meeting of the General Council, to request a renewal of their powers to correspond with the Committees appointed by the other Universities on the University Act, or on any other subject in which the Universities had a common interest."

The Rev. Robert Stephen's Motion.

The Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., moved—"That this Committee be re-appointed to consider as before what changes are desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, and with power to correspond and confer with the Committees appointed by the other Universities on the Universities' Act and the Ordinances—Mr. Stephen, Convener."

This motion was seconded by William F. Ogg, Esq., and was agreed to. The Rev. John Watt, B.D., was added to this Committee.

Committee on Medical Bursaries.

There was held as read a printed Report by the Committee on Medical Bursaries. It was agreed to remit this Report for further consideration to the following Committee:—Professor Struthers, M.D. (Convener), the Rev.

Robert Stephen, A.M., Alexander Ogston, Esq., M.D., Professor Pirrie, M.D., Robert Beveridge, Esq., M.B., James W. F. Smith, Esq., M.D., Angus Fraser, Esq., M.D., and Professor Black.

The motions of which John Wight, Esq., M.D., and William Templeton, Esq., M.D., gave notice at last Meeting of Council were withdrawn.

Committee on Funds required by the University.

Professor Struthers, M.D., moved—"That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of preparing a statement of the purposes for which funds are required in connection with the University—the Committee to report to the Council at its next meeting."

This motion was seconded by Professor Milligan, D.D., and was unanimously agreed to, and the Committee was constituted as follows:—Professor Struthers, M.D. (Convener), Professor Bain, LL.D., Professor Fuller, Professor Geddes, Professor Milligan, D.D., Professor William A. Hunter, A.M., James Rodger, Esq., M.B., David Dyce Brown, Esq., M.D., Professor Alexander Ferrier, M.D., the Rev. David Brown, D.D., John F. White, Esq., A.M., and the Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M.

Committee on the Medical Curriculum and Faculty.

In the unavoidable absence of John R. Trail, Esq., M.D., Alexander Ogston, Esq., M.D., moved—"That a Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report to the Council upon, the present Medical Curriculum, and what additions and changes, if any, are desirable in the internal arrangements of the University, and in the Universities' Act and Commissioners' Ordinances, so far as they concern the Medical Faculty."

This motion was seconded by Professor Struthers, M.D., and was unanimously agreed to, and the Committee was constituted as follows:—John R. Trail, Esq., M.D. (Convener), David Kerr, Esq., M.D., Professor Struthers, M.D., Professor Ogston, M.D., Alexander Ogston, Esq., M.D., Professor Harvey, M.D., Alexander D. Davidson, Esq., M.D., James Rodger, Esq., M.B., James W. F. Smith, Esq., M.D., Henry Jackson, Esq., M.D., and Angus Fraser, Esq., M.D.

Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed that the following Members of Council be appointed a Committee to arrange or prepare Business for next Meeting of Council, viz.:—Professor Bain, LL.D., Robert Beveridge, Esq., M.B., Professor Black, the Rev. David Brown, D.D., Patrick H. Chalmers,

Esq., A.M., Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M., Angus Fraser, Esq., M.D., Farquharson T. Garden, Esq., John Humphrey, Esq., Professor Milligan, D.D., John D. Milne, Esq., A.M., Professor Nicol (Convener), Alexander Ogston, Esq., M.D., William Paul, Esq., Professor Pirie, D.D., Charles F. Runcy, Esq., A.M., and Professor Struthers, M.D.

Dr. Bain's Notice of Motion.

Professor Bain, LL.D., gave notice that at next Meeting of the Council, he will move "That it be represented to the Court to consider the expediency of omitting Greek from the Compulsory Subjects in the Bursary Competition."

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

XXVII.
October, 1873.

On the Fifteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-three, the General Council met, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Report of the Committee on Changes desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances.

There was held as read the following printed Report by the Committee appointed at last Meeting to consider what changes are desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, viz.:—"The Committee were re-appointed at last meeting of the General Council, with instructions to confer with committees appointed by the Councils of the other Universities, on subjects in which the Universities have a common interest, but specially in the first instance on those bearing on the Universities' Act. A joint meeting of the committees of all the four University Councils was accordingly held on the 23rd May, within the Court Room of the University of Edinburgh, which was well attended. The various resolutions which, from time to time, had been passed by the Councils of the several Universities with a view to the extension of the power of the University Councils and increasing their influence in the University constitution were laid before the meeting and compared. As this was a first meeting, it was deemed more desirable to have a free expression of the opinions of the members present on the various points, than to record deliberate and precise findings. At the same time they came to a general approval of the following:—

1. That the Councils should be empowered to hold special meetings when emergencies arise.

2. That the General Councils of the Scottish Universities should have power to communicate directly and officially with each other.

3. That the Councils should be expressly empowered to appoint Committees to carry out specific instructions, but not to delegate their powers.

4. That it is desirable that the representation of the Councils in the University Courts be increased.

5. That improvements in the internal arrangements of the Universities, before being finally adopted by the University Courts, should be submitted to the University Councils

that they may have an opportunity of considering them, and making representations regarding them to their respective University Courts.

There were several other matters connected with University affairs which were taken up and discussed. But it was not thought advisable at that stage to record any further conclusions.

Your committee attach considerable importance to this meeting. It afforded an opportunity for the interchange of opinion, and for a fuller understanding of the position and requirements of each University. It indicated too how far there was a general agreement which might lead to united action in any steps being taken to carry into effect the resolutions of the committees. It is the beginning of meetings which the committee trust may be not only regularly continued but much more extended, where there may be a fuller representation of all the different Universities, and where more ample time may be allowed for the consideration of all the important matters connected with the Universities."

William F. Ogg, Esq., moved that the Report be approved of, and that the Committee be re-appointed with the same powers as formerly.

Professor Bain, LL.D., seconded this motion, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Report of the Committee on Medical Bursaries.

There was held as read a printed Report of the Committee on Medical Bursaries. After some discussion, Professor Struthers, M.D., moved that this Report be remitted to the Committee, with instructions to bring up a Report at next Meeting. This motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Committee on the Medical Curriculum is reappointed.

Alexander Ogston, Esq., M.D., in the absence of John R. Trail, Esq., M.D., made a verbal Report from the Committee appointed at last Meeting anent the Medical Curriculum, and moved that the Committee be continued, with power to add to their number.

This motion was seconded by Professor Black, and was unanimously agreed to.

Dr. Bain's Motion anent Greek.

Professor Bain, LL.D., moved—"That it be represented to the Court to consider the expediency of omitting Greek from the Compulsory Subjects in the Bursary Competition."

This motion was seconded by the Rev. Alexander Beverly, LL.D.

William Paul, Esq., moved—"That considering the recent extensive remodelling of the Competition Scheme in 1871, any alterations in the direction proposed are inexpedient and undesirable, and the Council resolve not to transmit this motion to the University Court." Mr. Paul's Motion.

This Amendment was seconded by the Rev. William Thomson, A.M.

The Principal found it necessary to leave the Meeting, and Professor Martin, LL.D., the Senior Professor present, took the Chair.

After discussion, a show of hands was taken, and Mr. Paul's Amendment was carried, as there voted for it 42, and for Dr. Bain's Motion 25

It was unanimously agreed, to appoint as a Business-Committee for next meeting all who were members of last Business-Committee. The Business-Committee is re-appointed.

The Rev. William R. Smith, A.M., in the absence of the Rev. David Brown, D.D., made a verbal Report from the Committee appointed at last meeting anent the Arts' Curriculum, and moved that the Committee be continued. The Committee on the Arts' Curriculum is re-appointed.

The Rev. William D. Frater, A.M., seconded this motion, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Professor Struthers, M.D., read an interim Report from the Committee appointed at last meeting anent Funds required by the University, and moved that the Committee be re-appointed—which motion was unanimously agreed to. The Committee on Funds required by the University is re-appointed.

There was read a letter from the Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., in which he gave notice for next meeting of a motion on the State of the Higher Education in Scotland. Mr. Stephen's Notice of Motion.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.
WM. MARTIN.

On the Fifteenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Four, the General Council met, the Principal in the Chair. **XXVIII.** April, 1874.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

The Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., made a verbal report from the Committee appointed at last meeting to consider what changes are desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, and moved that the Committee be continued with the same powers as formerly. Committee anent changes desirable in the Universities' Act, and the Ordinances.

Professor Nicol seconded this motion, and it was unanimously agreed to.

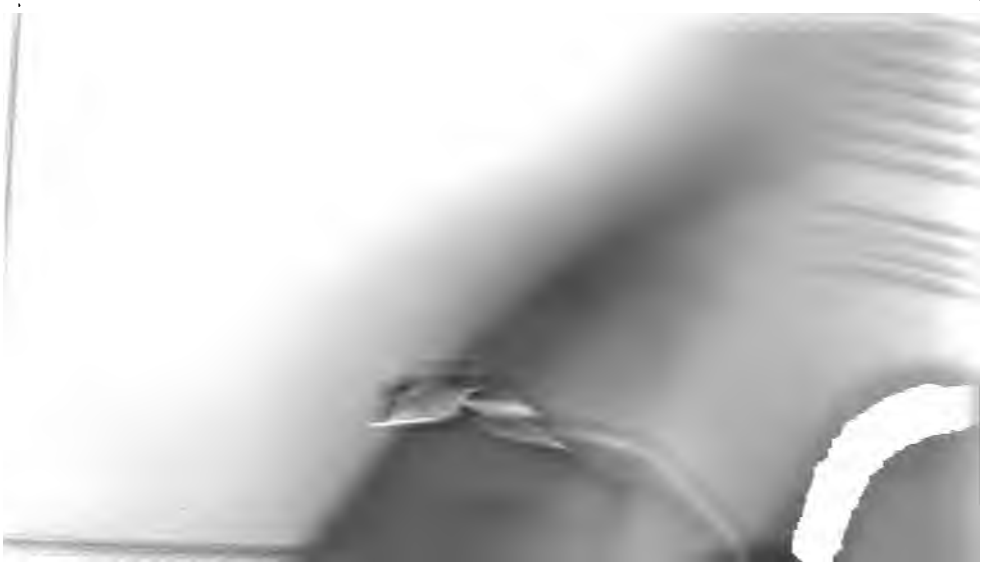
The Rev. David Brown, D.D., made a verbal report from the Committee appointed at last meeting anent the Arts' Curriculum, and moved that the Committee be reappointed—which motion was unanimously agreed to. Committee anent the Arts' Curriculum.

The following printed Report of the Committee on Medical Bursaries was held as read, viz. :— Report of the Committee on Medical Bursaries.

"The Committee may, in the first place, remind the Council that the subject was brought before it in a motion by the Convener, in April, 1870, to 'represent to the University Court the importance of making known the want of Medical Bursaries in the University,' and that the University Court, on 12th October, 1870, unanimously agreed to the following deliverance on that representation : —'The Court fully admit the existing want of Bursaries in the Medical Faculty, and the importance of having that want supplied in the case of deserving, but poor, students, who might earn them by competition. The Court will gladly go along with the other authorities of the University in any measures to be taken for accomplishing the desired object.'

The Committee has from time to time reported to the Council, and has endeavoured to keep the subject before the public. The Committee has now to submit the following more complete report.

The want of bursaries for students in the Faculty of Medicine may be shown by a statement of the number of bursaries, and the number of students in the respective Faculties. The number and money value of the bursaries



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After Prayer by the President, the Minutes [illegible] ing were approved.

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Professor Nicol seconded this motion, [illegible] mously agreed to.

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., made [illegible] from the Committee appointed at last [illegible] Arts' Curriculum, and moved that [illegible] appointed—which motion was unanimo[illegible]

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are taken from the latest statement in the University Calendar.

	Number of Students attending.*	Number of Bursaries.	Total Annual Value of the Bursaries.
Arts.....	352	223	£3751 6 0
Divinity...	42	27	639 0 0
Medicine.....	251	1	26 0 0

In the Faculty of Arts the number of bursaries is, therefore, so great that nearly two-thirds of the students are bursars. About a fourth part of these bursaries falling, in due course, to be set free each year, there are thus upwards of 50 bursaries every year open to students in Arts. Of the 223 bursaries held during the past year by Arts students, 151 were awarded by open competition, the remaining 72 being given by presentation by the various patrons, followed by an examination by the University.

There are also Scholarships in the Faculty of Arts for graduates in that Faculty. These are the Fullerton, Moir, and Gray Scholarships, eight in number, of the annual value of £65 each, tenable for four years. Four of these Scholarships are awarded for distinction in Classical Literature and Mental Philosophy, and four for distinction in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. For graduates in Arts there are also the Simpson (£70) and Boxill (£28) prizes, awarded annually for distinction in Mathematics. Among the fourth year students in Arts there are annually awarded the Simpson Prize (£70) for distinction in Greek; the Hutton Prize (£30), for distinction in Classics and Philosophy; and the Neil Arnott Prize or Prizes (£35—the interest of £1000), for distinction in Natural Philosophy. These scholarships and prizes amount to a total sum of £753, annually awarded among fourth year students in Arts or graduates in Arts, £618 of it being confined to graduates in Arts. The Murray Scholarship (annual value £70), for the education of a 'lawyer, physician, civil engineer, or other such liberal secular profession,' is open only to Masters of Arts.

In the Faculty of Divinity, also, nearly two-thirds of the students attending are bursars. For students who have finished their course of study in Divinity, there are the

* These were the numbers during the past session in each of these Faculties. As 23 were attending simultaneously in two Faculties, of whom 22 were in Arts, and 23 in Medicine, the number attending Arts Classes *only* was 330, the number attending Medical Classes *only* was 228.

Brown Scholarships, two in number, the annual value of each £17.

In the Faculty of Medicine, with its over 200 students, there is but one bursary, and it is restricted to students who have attended the Arts classes for four years.

Up to the present time there has been no Scholarship of any kind for graduates in Medicine. The Committee, however, is happy to be able to record that a movement to establish a Scholarship in honour of the memory of the late Dr. John Murray has been successful, and that the Scholarship, or Prize, will probably be of the value of £20, awarded annually. The Committee trust that this good example will be followed. While the primary object which the Committee has in view is to secure a certain number of bursaries for students of Medicine during their undergraduate period, the Committee may add that it is desirable that the University be enabled to offer annually one or two Medical Scholarships, awarded by competition to graduates in Medicine, corresponding to the Fullerton, Moir, and Gray Scholarships for graduates in Arts. Such scholarships should be tenable for two years, and of such value that they would enable the holder to visit the Medical Institutions of the Continent.

The disparity between the number of bursaries in the respective Faculties is so striking that the question naturally occurs, why it is so? It cannot be a difference in expense of education, for education in Medicine is more expensive than in Arts or Divinity, owing not merely to the greater number of classes to be attended, but to the fact that the student of Medicine has generally two or more summer sessions besides his four winter sessions, while students in Arts have to incur the expense of residence during only the winter session of five months, and students of Divinity during about four months.

It is not uncommon for advanced students in Arts, or for students in Divinity, to engage in private teaching, but the student of Medicine is virtually precluded from this source of help by the fact that his college and hospital work take up his whole day, and that his evenings are required for study. Instances not a few are indeed known to members of the Committee in which students of Medicine in this school have, notwithstanding the difficulties, thus worked their way, undergoing enormous labour at the risk of health, and to the injury of their professional studies. The struggle to pursue an arduous study, and simultaneously to provide the means of doing so, is worthy

of the highest admiration; but this ought not to be, for these are just the men whose ability and perseverance would enable them to carry off bursaries in Medicine did such exist.

Nor can it be said that Medicine is to the generality a lucrative profession. Now that the Civil Services are open to competition, the youth who has finished his Arts curriculum may at once enter on a position equal to, or even better than, that which the Medical graduate can attain after the further expense of his four years of Medical study.

The absence of bursaries in Medicine is not difficult to account for. The great majority of our bursaries are old foundations, while the old method of Medical education was chiefly by apprenticeship to a medical practitioner, under whom, and at the hospital, the youth acquired the routine of his art. But in modern times the progress of Medicine has involved the study of a number of accessory and fundamental sciences, together with Clinical Hospital study, requiring attendance at a Medical School. Even the Chairs of Anatomy and Surgery in this University have existed only since 1839, and it was but in 1860 that the Medical Faculty of the University, as it now stands, was completed. In illustration of this, it may be mentioned that the one Medical bursary (founded 65 years ago, by Dr. John Milne, of Bombay) is in the form of a payment 'for defraying annually the expense of the apprentice fee and Infirmary dues of a Student of Medicine, to be selected from the Magistrand Class.'

The comparatively small number of bursaries that have been left to the University in recent times may be accounted for by the existence of an impression that the University is already fully provided with bursaries, while attention has only recently been called to the fact that the bursaries are not within reach of the students of Medicine. It is hoped, now that this want is becoming known, that the tide will flow in this direction. The Committee cannot but think that those who have themselves enjoyed University bursaries, and were enabled thereby to receive the benefits of a good education, and to make their way in life, must feel desirous of helping others in like manner; and when the large number of persons who have held bursaries in this University is remembered, not a few of whom have prospered in life, the Committee think it not unreasonable to hope that this want has only to be made known in order to meet with response.

It may be well to remark that bursaries left for students

in the Medical Faculty, will be at the same time bursaries for promoting the study of the Natural Sciences. The study of these sciences forms the greater part of the work of the student of Medicine in the earlier years of his course, the Chairs of Natural History, Botany, and Chemistry, as well as those of Anatomy and Physiology being included in the Medical Faculty, while only the first of these subjects as yet comes within the curriculum of the students in Arts.

In regard to the number of bursaries which it would be desirable to have in the Medical Faculty, the Committee think that from fifty to sixty, of which a dozen to fifteen would fall vacant each year, would satisfy the present requirement. It is not proposed to give bursaries except to such students as pursue the whole of their Medical Curriculum in this University, but as there are now over two hundred students of Medicine who do so, it will be readily perceived that the number of Medical bursaries suggested is far from excessive. It may be mentioned that in the Faculty of Medicine the number of students has been increasing steadily, the number having within these nine years risen from 136 to 251*; and from the distinction which the graduates have gained for themselves in the competitions for the public services, and the improved means which the University now possesses of giving scientific and practical Medical education, there is reason to expect that this increase will continue. Recollecting the expense of Medical education, and the long period of the year over which it is pursued, the value of these bursaries should range at from £15 to £40.

Considering the evident and generally admitted superiority of the method of awarding the bursaries in Arts by competition, compared with the method of presentation, and considering that the object of bursaries anywhere is to help those who possess the ability but not the means of obtaining the necessary education, the Committee is of opinion that all Medical bursaries should be awarded by competition. The subjects of competition might be left to be determined by the Medical Faculty, subject to the approval of the Senatus and University Court, but the Committee would suggest that for the tenure of the bur-

* The following are the numbers :—

1864-5.	1865-6.	1866-7.	1867-8.	1868-9
136.	138.	161.	172.	166.
1869-70.	1870-1.	1871-2.	1872-3.	1873-4.
175.	191.	202.	242.	251.

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saries during the first two years of the curriculum, the competition should embrace the subjects of Botany, Zoology, and Inorganic Chemistry; and that the tenure during the remaining two years of the curriculum should be determined by a competitive examination in Organic Chemistry, Anatomy, and Physiology, with which the first two years of Medical study are largely occupied.

The Committee, in conclusion, would suggest that this Report, if approved by the Council, should be printed and circulated among the members of the Council. It will show that the scheme has received the approval of the General Council and of the University Court, and the statement of facts which it contains, may further lead to the scheme being regarded with favour by intending benefactors of the University."

Professor Struthers, M.D., moved that this Report be approved of, and that the Committee be reappointed to have the Report printed and circulated among the Members of the General Council—which motion was agreed to.

Report of the Committee on the Medical Curriculum.

There was held as read the following printed Report of the Committee on the Medical Curriculum, viz.:—

"In reporting to the General Council the result of their consideration of the present Medical Curriculum, and the alterations which seem desirable on it, the Committee think it well to divide their report into five heads. The *first* relates to the Preliminary Examination; the *second* to the alterations required in the present curriculum; the *third* to those subjects for the teaching of which sufficient provision is not made in the curriculum as at present arranged; the *fourth* refers to the alterations which seem to them necessary in the examinations for Medical Degrees; while the *last* comprehends some more general points not falling under any of the four previous divisions.

1. They think that the present Preliminary Examination should be altered so as to allow that German and French, at the option of the candidate, be substituted for Greek in the compulsory part of the examination for the Degree of M.D. And they also are of opinion that it would be desirable to have a uniform Preliminary Examination in all the Scotch Universities, if possible, conducted at the same time and by the same examiners.

2. The next point which the Committee have to consider is what changes are required in the present curriculum? The Committee think that it is desirable that students should devote a great deal more of their time than they do

at present to the practical branches of the curriculum; and that certain additional courses are also required, the nature of which they will indicate under the next head of their report. It is therefore necessary to make certain changes in the present curriculum, in order to give more time for practical work, and for these additional courses of instruction. The Committee may at once state that they do not think it expedient to increase the time over which the curriculum extends beyond the present period of four years. They therefore propose to lighten the present curriculum in two ways: firstly, by allowing and encouraging the student to study some subjects, which are not strictly Medical, before he enters on the Medical curriculum proper; and, secondly, by reducing the number of lectures or meetings in some of the subjects of study. With the first of these objects in view, they would, therefore, recommend that candidates be permitted to take the examination in Botany or in Zoology, or in both, before commencing their Medical studies, or as soon thereafter as they may wish, the examination on Comparative Anatomy taking place as at present, at the same time as the examination on Advanced Anatomy, Surgery, and Physiology. With regard to the subjects in which the meetings might be reduced in number, the Committee are of opinion that for the present six months' course of Materia Medica, a three months' course of Practical Pharmacy, and a three months' course of Hygiene and Therapeutics might be substituted, the examinations to be similarly divided—that on Pharmacy to be taken with the examination at the end of the second year, and that on Therapeutics with the last Professional Examination. The Committee would also further recommend that the course of Midwifery, including Diseases of Women and Children, should be changed from a course of 100 lectures delivered in winter, to a course of 50 lectures delivered during the summer session, and that the course of Medical Jurisprudence should be delivered during the summer session. By this means students would be enabled to utilise the summer between their third and fourth winter sessions, and would leave their last winter session to be nearly entirely devoted to Practical Medicine, Practical Surgery, and Practical Midwifery.

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3. There seems to be no doubt that the Aberdeen University is deficient in means for instructing students in several departments. Most prominent amongst these is Pathological Anatomy, in which the Infirmary Pathologist

gives a course of instruction at the Infirmary. There is, however, no University endowment to this lectureship, and the students are not required to attend any such course. The course being thus optional, is attended by only a few students, and there is no special examination on the subject for Medical degrees. The Committee are strongly of opinion that attendance on a course of practical instruction in Pathological Anatomy should be required of every student who takes a Medical Degree, and that there should be a special examination on the subject. They are also of opinion that steps should be taken to obtain an endowment for a Professorship of Pathological Anatomy.

There are several other subjects for which, at present, no adequate provision is made; and the Committee are of opinion that the University should encourage attendance on courses of instruction in special departments of practice, such as Insanity, Diseases of the Eye, Diseases of the Ear, Diseases of the Teeth, and any other branches which may not be sufficiently embraced in the ordinary courses, provided that the instruction is of a practical character; and they are further of opinion that the University ought to possess recognised teachers paid by fees on such subjects. The Committee do not propose that candidates for degrees should be specially examined on these subjects, but they think that the University ought to provide the means of assisting such students as may wish to devote special attention to these practical courses. With the same view, and in order to encourage as far as possible a practical system of teaching in all the classes, the Committee recommend that in Ordinance No. 16, section 7 (1), the term 'meetings' be substituted for the term 'lectures;' and they would also recommend that the hospital certificate required should be such as to show that the candidate has regularly received practical instruction in the surgical and medical wards; and that, if practicable, the physicians and surgeons at the hospital should not visit at the same hour, so as to put it in the power of the students to attend the visit of both.

4. Passing from the classes to be attended to the examinations to be passed, the committee think that some alterations are required there also. They have already alluded to the changes recommended on the Materia Medica examination and to the necessity for the introduction of Pathological Anatomy as one of the subjects on which all students should be examined. The only other alterations they would suggest in the examinations for the ordinary degrees are the aboli-

tion of the examination on Elementary Anatomy, and that the Inaugural Dissertation now required for the degree of M.B. be required instead for the degree of M.D. They think, however, that in the examination for *honours*, besides the marks presently required in the subjects that are imperative, a *special* examination should be also passed in Organic Chemistry (especially the portion of it bearing on Physiology), in Comparative Anatomy, and in Pathology; and also for *honours in medicine*, on Medicine, including Insanity; and for *honours in surgery*, on Surgery, including Diseases of the Eye and Ear; that the examination on these subjects should be, as far as possible, practical in its character; and that it be taken at any examination term, without restriction as to time or order. Report of the Committee on the Medical Curriculum.

5. The committee are of opinion that, looking at the present state of the Medical Library, it would be beneficial to the medical school if the University Council were to have the appointment of two or more of the members of the Library Committee, and if the Library were thrown open to all members of the University Council, and to all matriculated students of the University, without payment of any fee or deposit money.

The committee are further of opinion that the regulations affecting private teachers as specified in ordinance 16, section 8, sub-sections 5, 6, 7, are unwise; that such teaching ought to be encouraged, and, therefore, they recommend that the latter part of sub-section 5, beginning with the words 'then and in that case' be expunged, along with the whole of sub-sections 6 and 7. They also regard as unwise the regulations relating to the recognition of other schools as contained in Ordinance 16, section viii., sub-sections 2 and 4, and recommend that, whilst still requiring, as at present, one year of residence at the University, the remaining three years of study may be spent at any recognised medical school.

Lastly, the committee are of opinion that the University ought to possess more ample powers of determining and altering the subjects of Preliminary and Professional Examination for students of Medicine, in particular by the abolition of the veto of the Chancellor."

Angus Fraser, Esq., M.D., moved "That the Council approve generally of the Report of the Committee, and respectfully represent to the University Court the desirability of their considering the subjects covered by the Report." Dr. Angus Fraser's Motion.

James Burr, Esq., seconded this motion, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Report of the Committee on Funds required by the University.

There was held as read a printed Report of the Committee anent Funds required by the University.

Charles F. Runcy, Esq., A.M., moved that this Report lie on the table till next meeting, and that the Committee be reappointed—which motion was unanimously agreed to.

Printing the Minutes of the General Council.

There was read a recommendation from the Business Committee, "That fewer copies of the Minutes of the Council be printed, and that they cease to be stereotyped."

Professor Nicol moved that this recommendation be adopted.

William F. Ogg, Esq., seconded this motion, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were Members of last Business-Committee, with the addition of William F. Ogg, Esq.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

XXIX.
October, 1874.

On the Fourteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Four, the General Council met, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Deliverance on the Representation anent the Medical Curriculum.

There was read the following Deliverance made by the University Court, 29th September, 1874, on the Representation made by the General Council at last meeting anent the Medical Curriculum, viz. :—" The Court have already considered and expressed their views upon the subject of the Medical Curriculum with reference to the Report of the Senatus thereon, to which the Council will have access, and therefore it appears to be unnecessary to go over the same ground again by a separate reply to the Report of the Council's Committee."

Report of Committee anent changes desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances.

There was held as read the following printed Report of the Committee appointed to consider what changes are desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, viz. :—

"A Meeting of the Committees appointed or authorised to represent the General Councils of the four Universities of Scotland in a joint committee, was held at Edinburgh in May last, when copies of a draft of "A Bill to Amend the Scottish Universities' Act, 1858," prepared and printed by the Committee of Council of the University of Glasgow, were laid on the table. Though some of the Joint Committee demurred to this Bill being considered as a complete embodiment of all the changes which are desirable, or to action being taken in this form in the first instance, they agreed, at the request of its promoters, to revise the Bill with a view to its being brought before Parliament. This Draft Bill, as amended and adjusted by the Joint Committee, has been submitted to the committee of the General Council of this University, and they have very carefully considered it. While in the main your committee agree with the provisions of this Bill, so far as it goes, they are yet unanimously of opinion that it is seriously defective, that it does not embody some of the chief particulars in which reforms in the University are urgently and imperatively demanded; and that it would be a mistake to go to Parliament with a measure which, while professing to

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amend the existing evils in the University, is but a partial remedy for these evils. Your committee are also strongly of opinion that before any legislation in these matters is attempted, further and fuller inquiry must be made, and that this can only be effectually done by a Royal Commission. The meetings of the Joint Committee have been most useful, in that they have shown a general unanimity of opinion that much in the present condition of the Universities is unsatisfactory; and that there is an agreement on many points of great importance as to the alterations which should be substituted. But the circumstances and requirements of the Universities are in many respects very different, and the demands of each University can only be completely understood and met by a Commission. Your committee consider that it would be useless to attempt to pass such a Bill as that which has been laid before them, and then to expect a Commission. They think that the first step, before any measure can be satisfactorily framed, is to have a Commission to inquire into the whole circumstances and wants of the several Universities. They are of opinion that the time has now arrived when the Universities may fitly ask for such a Commission, and reasonably expect it. There has been sufficient experience of the working of the Universities Act to enable them to estimate generally its defects. There are, besides, matters of the utmost importance to the interests of the Universities and of education, which can only be grappled with and successfully settled by a Royal Commission. And your committee, therefore, unanimously ask that the General Council will re-appoint them with power to approach and urge on the Government the appointment of a Royal Commission on the Universities, and to communicate with the General Councils of the other Universities, to induce these Councils to co-operate with them, with a view to these objects.

In name, and by appointment of the committee,

ROBERT STEPHEN, Convener.

The following is the draft of the Bill referred to in the above report:—

A BILL TO AMEND
THE SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES' ACT, 1858.

Whereas an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the 21st and 22nd years of the reign of Her present Majesty, caput lxxxiii., entituled, *"An Act to make Provision for the better Government and Discipline of the Uni-*

versities of Scotland, and Improving and Regulating the Course of Study therein, and for the Union of the two Universities and Colleges of Aberdeen."

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And whereas another Act was passed in the Parliament held in the 31st and 32nd years of the reign of Her Majesty, caput xlviii., entituled, "*An Act for the Amendment of the Representation of the People in Scotland*," by which, *inter alia*, the franchise was conferred on the members of the General Councils of the Universities of Scotland, and the right to qualify as such members was extended to the persons therein described.

And whereas it is expedient to enlarge and extend the powers and privileges conferred on the General Councils of the several Universities by the said recited Acts, and otherwise to amend the same: Be it enacted, by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In addition to the times for assembling prescribed in section 4 of the first-recited Act, the General Council of each University shall be entitled to hold meetings at any other time or times for the consideration and transaction of all matters and business which may be competently entertained by such Council in virtue of this or the first recited Act, which meetings shall, in the case of each University, be convened by the Principal or Senior Principal, or, in his absence from the seat of the University, the Senior Professor there present at the time, on a requisition being presented to him so to do, subscribed by any thirty members of such General Council, setting forth the nature of the business proposed to be transacted; notice of which meetings and the business thereof shall, in the case of each University, be advertised, or posted to each member of such General Council residing in the United Kingdom, at least ten days prior to the date of meeting.

2. To remove doubts which have been expressed as to the power of the Councils to petition, it is declared that each General Council may, in meeting duly assembled, at any time petition Parliament, and also the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, and Her Majesty's Royal Successors in Privy Council, on any matter or matters affecting, or tending, in the opinion of such General Council, to affect the well-being and prosperity of the University with which such Council is connected; and each General Council shall have power to appoint, from time to time, Committees of

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its own number to follow out and carry into effect resolutions and instructions of such General Council; and the General Councils of the several Universities shall have power at all times to communicate and confer with each other, by committees to be appointed by them respectively or otherwise, on all matters which may be competently entertained by such General Councils separately; and each General Council shall have power to appoint a clerk, being one of its own number, to hold office on such terms, and to perform such duties, as such General Council may direct.

3. The number of Members of the University Court of each University shall be increased as follows, viz. —

(1) The Principal of the United College and two additional Assessors to be elected by the General Council of the University of St. Andrews shall be added to the six present members of the University Court.

(2) Three Assessors shall be elected by the General Council of the University of Glasgow in place of one, as prescribed by section 9 of the first-recited Act, and five shall be a quorum of said University Court.

(3) One Assessor shall be elected by the Senatus Academicus, and two by the General Council of the University of Aberdeen, in addition to the six present members of the University Court.

(4) Two Assessors shall be elected by the General Council of the University of Edinburgh, in addition to the eight present members of the University Court;

and such additional Assessors shall be elected by the said several Councils at the same times, and shall hold office for the same term of years, as the Assessors elected by these bodies under the first-recited Act; provided that it shall be competent to the said General Councils to make interim appointments at the next statutory meeting after the passing of this Act, and also at any time hereafter when a vacancy may occur through death or resignation.

4. Each University Court shall publish, or cause to be published, as after-mentioned, a full and correct Report of the proceedings of its meetings at which any of its powers under subsections 1 and 2 of section 12 of the first-recited Act, and section 19 thereof, shall be exercised: which minutes shall contain the names of the members present, and be inserted within days after the holding of any such meeting once at least in any one or more of the news-

papers published or most generally circulated in the city or place where such University Court meets. Report of Committee anent changes desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances.

5. Where the General Council shall intimate its dissent from any proposition submitted to it under subsection 2 of section 12 of the first-recited Act, such proposition shall not be carried into effect by the University Court until the matter shall be submitted to a subsequent meeting of such Council for re-consideration, and until the University Court shall have taken into consideration any representation which such Council may make at such subsequent meeting.

6. The system hitherto in use in elections to the office of Rector of the Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen, by dividing the students voting into nations, is hereby abolished; and in future the Rector shall, in the case of each of said Universities, where two or more candidates are proposed, be elected by a majority in number of the votes of the matriculated students of the University enrolled for the session during which any such election takes place; but provided always that in all other respects the election of Rector shall be conducted according to the forms and practice hitherto observed in the said Universities.

7. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Scottish Universities' Amendment Act, 1874," and shall come into operation on the day of , 187 .

NOTE.—The subjoined clause has been suggested—

Each person who, by virtue of his office as a member of the University Court of any University, or as a member of the Senatus of any University, has at any time heretofore been, or is at present, or shall at any time hereafter be a member of the General Council of such University, shall continue to be and remain *ad vitam* a member of the General Council thereof, notwithstanding of his having ceased or ceasing to be a member of its University Court or of its Senatus."

William F. Ogg, Esq., moved that the Council approve of the Report and re-appoint the Committee with the powers requested in the Report.

Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M., seconded this motion, and it was unanimously agreed to.

There was held as read the following printed Report, viz.:—"The Committee on the subject of the Curriculum and a New Degree have to report that the question is making satisfactory progress, and promises to receive a speedy solution; and, in particular, that there is a growing body of opinion in various quarters and in the different Uni- Report of Committee anent the Arts' Curriculum.

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versities in favour of the revival of the degree of B.A., as affording the most flexible machinery for adaptation to the varied requirements of different classes of the community. The Committee therefore recommend the Council to continue the Committee with the same powers to watch over the question, and to take such steps as may be necessary to obtain early legislative action by commission or otherwise."

The Rev. George F. I. Philip, A.M., moved that the Council adopt this Report and continue the Committee.

Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M., seconded this motion, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Committee anent Medical Bursaries.

Professor Struthers, M.D., made a verbal Report from the Committee on Medical Bursaries, and moved that the Committee be re-appointed—which motion was unanimously agreed to.

Report of Committee on the Purposes for which Funds are required in the University.

The printed Report of the Committee appointed to consider the purposes for which Funds are required in connection with the University, laid on the table at last Meeting of the Council, was then taken up.

Dr. Struthers's Motion.

Professor Struthers, M.D., moved "That the Committee be re-appointed with instructions to prepare a more complete Report by next meeting."

John Humphrey, Esq., seconded this motion.

Dr. Bain's Motion.

Professor Bain, LL.D., moved "That the Report be received and kept *in retentis*. That the Committee be thanked for its diligence and discharged; and in so far as it is expedient to continue the investigations, that they should be specialized and made the subjects of separate Committees."

Charles F. Runcy, Esq., A.M., seconded this motion.

On a division, Dr. Bain's motion was carried, as there voted for it 23, and for Dr. Struthers's, 8.

Communication from the General Council of the University of Glasgow.

There was read a communication from the General Council of the University of Glasgow, dated 29th April, 1874—"That this Council is of opinion that the present Session of Parliament affords a favourable opportunity for obtaining an Act embodying the amendments of which this Council have already approved upon the Scottish Universities' Act, and the Committee are hereby instructed to take such steps towards accomplishing that object as they may deem advisable."

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee, all who were members of last Business-Committee, with the addition of William Leslie, Esq., A.M., of Warthill.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

On the Fourteenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Five, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, Professor Martin, LL.D., the Senior Professor present, in the Chair.

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After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

The Senatus anent expense of a Circular printed by a Committee of Council.

There was read the following Extract from Minutes of a Meeting of the Senatus Academicus held on 12th December, 1874, viz. :—"Two accounts of the General Council of the University were ordered to be paid, with intimation to the Council that the Senatus, while paying that due to the Proprietors of the *Aberdeen Free Press* for printing a circular, consider said expense to have been irregularly incurred."

Report of the Committee anent Changes desirable in the Universities' Act, and the Ordinances.

There was read the following Report of the Committee appointed to consider what Changes are desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, viz. :—

"1. That the Draft Bill of the Glasgow University Council, as amended at a joint meeting of the Committees of the four University Councils held at Edinburgh in May last, is worthy of approval in so far as it provides for a better representation of the Councils in the University Courts; but inasmuch as it makes no provision for the extension of academic training, and such modification of the degree system as this would involve, and of the length of the curriculum, it cannot be regarded as a satisfactory measure.

2. That although no measure affecting the Universities' Act is likely to be submitted to Parliament during the present session this Council would do well to keep its eye on the subject, with a view to the formation of a common opinion, and the prosecution of common measures for the improvement of our University system; and with this view your Committee would respectfully request their re-appointment."

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., moved that the Council adopt this Report—which motion was seconded by Professor Geddes, and was unanimously agreed to.

Report of the Committee anent the Arts' Curriculum.

There was read the following Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Arts' Curriculum and Degree, viz. :—

"1. That the Draft Bill of the Glasgow University Council,

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even in its amended form, is seriously defective, inasmuch as though it provides for a better representation of the Councils in the University Courts, it fails to recognise an equally pressing want—the extension of academic training, and such modification, both in the degree system and the length of the curriculum, as that would involve.

2. That although no measure affecting the Scottish Universities' Act is likely to be submitted to Parliament during the present session it is desirable that this Council should keep its eye on the subject, with a view to the formation of a common opinion, and the prosecution of common measures for the improvement of our University system; and with this view your Committee would respectfully request their reappointment."

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., moved that the Council adopt this Report—which motion was seconded by the Rev. William Fergusson, A.M., and was unanimously agreed to.

The Committee anent Medical Bursaries is discharged.

Professor Struthers, M.D., made a verbal Report from the Committee on Medical Bursaries, and moved that the Committee, having completed its work, be now discharged.

The Rev. William Fergusson, A.M., seconded this motion, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Thanks to the Glasgow Aberdeenshire Association.

Professor Struthers, M.D., in making the said report, having intimated that the Glasgow Aberdeenshire Association had instituted a Bursary for the Students of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, the Rev. David Brown, D.D., moved that the Council pass a vote of thanks to the Association—which motion was unanimously agreed to.

Mr Ogg's motion anent Library arrangements.

William F. Ogg, Esq., moved "That a Representation be made to the University Court to sanction an arrangement whereby Members of Council, and others entitled to the use of the University Library, may be able to take out and return books through an agency to be established in the buildings formerly belonging to Marischal College at least twice a-week, subject to such regulations as the Court may make thereanent."

This motion was seconded by Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M., and was unanimously agreed to.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) WILLIAM MARTIN.

XXXI.
October, 1875.

On the Thirteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Five, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Intimation from the University Court respecting the Representation anent Library Arrangements.

There was read an intimation, dated 24th September 1875, from the University Court, "That the Representation of the General Council, 14th April 1875, anent Library arrangements, was sent by the Court to the Senatus Academicus, with a request that they would report to the Court thereon, and that the Senatus Academicus have referred it to the Library Committee, who have not as yet been able to report on the matter".

Report of Committee anent Changes desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances.

There was held as read the following printed Report of the Committee appointed to consider what changes are desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, viz. :—

"A meeting of the Joint-Committees appointed by and representing the University Councils of St. Andrews, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, was held within the Court-Room of the University of Edinburgh, on Friday, 21st May. The University Council of Edinburgh was not on this occasion represented. The meeting, after very careful consideration of the various matters affecting the Universities which had been before them on previous years, were unanimously of opinion that no satisfactory solution of these questions could be arrived at without the appointment of a Royal Commission. And they accordingly resolved to memorialise the Government to appoint such a Commission. This was in accordance with the resolution already come to by the Council of this University. It was further agreed by the Joint-Committee that as many of the members as could conveniently attend, should wait personally on the Lord Advocate, and present this memorial, and at the same time take the opportunity of exhibiting more fully the opinions of the Councils. The Lord Advocate was communicated with, and agreed to receive the deputation in London, in July. In the interval it was suggested that it would be of considerable importance if the deputation could have an opportunity of laying their views before the Home

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Secretary. And, with the consent of the Lord Advocate, the Home Secretary was requested to grant them an interview. This he readily and kindly agreed to do. And, along with the Lord Advocate, he met them at the Home Office, on the 12th of July. The deputation consisted of representatives from the Councils of the Universities of St. Andrews, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, and they were accompanied by several members of both Houses of Parliament, who are warmly interested in the Scottish Universities. Several members of your Committee who had intended to be present were unavoidably prevented, and the only representatives from Aberdeen were Professor Hunter, and Mr. Stephen the Convener. The deputation was introduced by Dr. Lyon Playfair, M.P. Mr. Stephen presented to the Home Secretary the Memorial which had been agreed on, and which was to the following effect :—

> 'To the Right Hon. R. A. Cross, M.P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department. The Memorial of the Joint-Committee of the University Councils of St. Andrews, Glasgow, and Aberdeen.

'At a meeting of the above-named Committee, held within the Court-room of the University of Edinburgh, on 21st May last, after mature deliberation it was unanimously resolved that, while the Universities (Scotland) Act of 1858, and the Ordinances instituted for carrying the same into effect, have proved highly beneficial, giving to the higher education in Scotland a great stimulus, the experience of nearly twenty years has shown that the aforesaid Act and Ordinances require amendment in some important respects; but that even among those who have devoted most attention to this subject, and are convinced of the need of a change, opinions differ widely as to what would place the Scottish Universities in the best position for fulfilling their high objects; and particularly with regard to the composition and functions of the University Courts, and the enlargement of the range of study for the honours which the Universities confer. No Parliamentary measure, therefore, on this subject can be expected to give general satisfaction which is not based on a full investigation of all the facts in relation to each of the Universities; and, as this can only be obtained by the appointment of a Royal Commission, it was agreed that a deputation be appointed to wait on you to represent these views, in

the hope that you will, on consideration, concur with them; and that you will be pleased to lay before Her Majesty's Government the vast importance of such a Commission to the higher education of Scotland.'

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In submitting this Memorial, Mr. Stephen brought before the Home Secretary four points which this Council have very fully considered, and are for the most part agreed on, viz:—

I. That it is desirable that the Council should be more largely represented in the University Court.

II. That all improvements or alterations in the internal arrangements of the Universities which may have been devised by the Court and the Senatus, and sanctioned by the Chancellor, should be submitted to the Council before being carried into effect—not that the Council should have an absolute veto on them, but that they may have an opportunity of considering them, and of making such representations to the Court regarding them as they may deem necessary.

III. The modification or alteration in the curriculum of study, so as to admit of studies being encouraged for degrees other than those at present required for the M.A.

IV. That, in the opinion of many, the Universities' Act erred in enjoining the Commissioners to frame rules by which the course of study, and the manner of examination, and the conditions under which degrees are conferred, should be, as far as possible, uniform in all the Universities, for the effect had been to render internal reform in the Universities almost hopeless. It was not sought that each University should be left entirely free to act independently of the other Universities, because there might be a temptation to undersell or outbid each other. But it was desirable that a certain power should be left in the hands of each University to devise and enact rules and regulations for itself according to its peculiar circumstances and requirements, with merely some check by the Privy Council in case these powers were abused to the injury of others.

It was explained to the Home Secretary that many of these and other questions can only be dealt with and adjusted by a Royal Commission, because not only is there considerable divergence of opinion and feeling regarding them in each University, but the four Universities have different wants and are in different circumstances, which require very careful examination and full consideration; and these different

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opinions cannot be fully ascertained and the different circumstances of each University judiciously weighed, except by a Royal Commision: and that there are many matters of pressing importance to the interests of the Universities and of the higher education in Scotland, in which all action is, in the meanwhile, suspended in the hope and expectation of a Commission. The members of the deputation from the Universities of Glasgow and St. Andrews, and the Marquis of Huntly, also addressed the Home Secretary on other matters which, in their opinion, necessitated the appointment of a Commission. The Home Secretary listened most attentively and courteously, and with evident interest, and promised a careful consideration of the whole subject. This is as much as, in the circumstances, your Committee could expect, and they have great hopes that the Government may issue such a Commission as has been asked for the Universities of Scotland.

The Committee having listened to Mr. Stephen's statement, expressed their general approbation of the views set forth by him at the interview, and their thanks for his diligence and trouble in being present, and in pressing these views upon the consideration of the Home Secretary and the Lord Advocate.

The Committee, therefore, conclude by recommending the Council to adopt a resolution in favour of the appointment of a Commission as proposed, and to re-appoint the Committee, with authority to continue their labours, as they have done hitherto, in endeavouring to carry out the wishes of the Council expressed in this and its former resolutions on the whole subject.

ROBERT STEPHEN, M.A., CONVENER."

Professor Bain, LL.D., moved that the Council approve of this Report, and carry out the recommendations with which it concludes—which motion was unanimously agreed to.

There was read the following Report, viz. :—

Report of Committee anent the Arts' Curriculum.

"The Committee on the Curriculum and the proposed New Degree have once and again reported it as their conviction that a satisfactory solution of the questions involved in this subject will only be reached through a Royal Commission on the whole subject of Scottish University Education. That conviction has now become universal on the part of all who have given intelligent attention to the subject. And, as there

is now good reason to hope that such a Commission will be appointed, the Committee have now only to ask that they be re-appointed, with instructions to watch over the whole matter, and to report to their constituents should any new aspects of the matter emerge. Report of Committee anent the Arts' Curriculum.

D. BROWN, CONVENER."

The Rev. William Fergusson, A.M., moved that the Council approve of this Report, and re-appoint the Committee—which motion was unanimously agreed to.

Professor Struthers, M.D., moved "That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Statement of the Purposes for which Funds are most required for the University". Dr. Struthers' Motion for a Committee anent Funds.

The Rev. James Simpson, A.M., seconded this motion.

Professor Black moved "That the Council adhere to the resolution which it made on this subject in October 1874, and that the proposed Committee shall not be appointed".

Professor Bain, LL.D., seconded this motion.

On a division, there voted for the motion of Dr. Struthers, 11, and for the motion of Professor Black, 16. Professor Black's motion was therefore carried.

John Humphrey, Esq., moved that the Council appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee—which motion was unanimously agreed to. Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

On the Twelfth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Six, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair. **XXXII.** **April, 1876.**

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., moved, "That the Committees on the Act and Ordinances, and on the Arts' Curriculum, be re-appointed with their present powers, and with instructions to bring up a joint report to next Meeting of Council on the subjects which they deem it advisable to bring before the Royal Commission about to be appointed; and that Patrick H. Chalmers, A.M., Charles Duncan, Esq., Robert Beveridge, M.B., Farquharson T. Garden, Esq., David Eaton, A.M., Charles F. Runcy, A.M., and Alexander Ogston, M.D., be added to the Committees". Dr. Brown's Motion.

This motion was seconded by Charles F. Runcy, A.M., and was unanimously agreed to.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were Members of last Business-Committee. Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolica[1] Benediction.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL.

On the Eleventh day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Six, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, Professor Pirie, D.D., the Senior Professor present, in the chair. **XXXIII.** **Oct., 1876.**

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

The Council then proceeded to the election of an Assessor for the ensuing four years, under Ordinance No. 11. Dr. Christie is re-elected as Assessor.

William F. Ogg, Esq., proposed that the Rev. John Christie, D.D., be re-elected as Assessor.

This motion was seconded by Professor Ogston, M.D., and was unanimously agreed to.

There was read a letter, of date 10th June, 1876, from the Secretary of the Scottish Universities' Commissioners enclosing a copy of their Commission, and stating "that the Commissioners will be glad to be furnished by the Council with the names of any of its members whose evidence it would, The Universities' Commissioners offer to hear Evidence.

in the view of the Council, be important that the Commissioners should take, or who may desire to give evidence before the Commissioners, and who may not already have done so".

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., read the following Report, viz. :—

Joint Report on Subjects to be brought before the Universities' Commissioners.

"The two Committees anent Changes desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, and anent the Arts' Curriculum, met together, according to the instructions of the Council, in Marischal College on Tuesday, 3rd October last, to draw up a joint report to the ensuing meeting of Council, on the subjects which they deem it advisable to bring before the Royal Commission. Present—Rev. Robert Stephen, Principal Brown, Profs. Struthers and Black, Dr. Beveridge, Messrs. Ogg, Cooper, and F. T. Garden—Mr. Stephen, convener of the former Committee, in the chair. The Chairman stated that on 31st March last, he had a communication from Professor Berry, Secretary to the Scottish Universities' Commission, enclosing a copy of the Commission, and asking that this Committee should suggest to the Commissioners the names of one or two gentlemen whose evidence they would desire to be taken in regard to some of the objects into which the Commissioners had been directed to inquire. To this he had replied that he would summon a meeting of the Committee for the purpose of naming some of their number to give evidence before the Commissioners; but as that was not a convenient time for getting a full meeting of the Committee, he would suggest that it might be delayed, unless the Commissioners desired to have their evidence soon, in which case he would convene a meeting immediately. Professor Berry replied that there was no urgency in the matter, and that the Committee could meet later on, but asked that he, the Convener, should appear with any evidence he desired to lay before the Commissioners. In answer to this, he stated to Professor Berry that if it were quite suitable he should prefer first to meet the Committee and receive from them any instructions as to the nature of the evidence they desired to have submitted for the consideration of the Commissioners, to which Professor Berry had consented. Mr. Cooper then moved that the Chairman, Professor Black, and Mr. Ogg should be appointed by the former Committee to give evidence before the Commissioners, and that Principal Brown should appear on behalf of the Committee on the Curriculum. This motion was seconded by Mr. Garden, and agreed to. The meeting then deliberated on the various points which from time to time had been under their consideration, and resolved that such of their recommendations as had been agreed to by the Council should be laid before the Commis-

sioners; and with regard to the others, on which there had been a diversity of opinion, the meeting thought that, while the Commissioners should be made distinctly to understand what the views of the Committee, as such, were, it should be left free to each of the gentlemen named to state to the Commissioners any opinions which he individually held.—ROBERT STEPHEN, *Chairman*".

Charles F. Runcy, A.M., moved—"That the joint report now read be received and approved of, and that the names of the members therein recommended, along with those of Professor Bain, LL.D., and Professor Geddes, LL.D., be sent to the Secretary of the Universities' Commission".

This motion was seconded by Professor Struthers, M.D., and was unanimously agreed to.

Committees re-appointed.

It was unanimously agreed to re-appoint as a Committee anent changes desirable in the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, and as a Committee anent the Arts' Curriculum, the same members of Council who were elected for these Committees respectively at last meeting.

Mr. Ogg's Motion anent Lectureships.

William F. Ogg, Esq., moved—"That a representation be made to the University Court to establish Lectureships for the promotion of secondary education, in the University Buildings, Aberdeen, or in such other place as they may fix on, upon subjects to be sanctioned by the Court; that lectures be given by or under the direction of the Professors of the University; that students and others attending the lectures who may present themselves for examination shall be entitled to certificates of proficiency from the University; and that the whole procedure shall be carried out under regulations to be framed by the University Court".

Professor Struthers, M.D., suggested that this matter should not take the form of a Representation, but that a Committee should be appointed to consider it and report upon it. Mr. Ogg having consented to this modification of his motion, it was unanimously agreed to, and the following members of Council were appointed as the Committee, viz.: —Professor Black, Professor Nicol, Professor Struthers, M.D., Alexander Yeats, A.M., Charles F. Runcy, A.M., the Rev. David Brown, D.D., Robert Beveridge, M.B., Professor Brazier, Professor Bain, LL.D., Farquharson T. Garden, A.M., Professor Geddes, LL.D., and William F. Ogg, Esq., Mr. Ogg to be Convener.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

Deliverance by the University Court anent Library Arrangements.

There was read the following Deliverance made by the University Court on the Representation made by the General Council, 14th April, 1875, viz. :—"At a meeting of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen, held on 11th October, 1876, *Inter alia*, There was read the following letter addressed to the Clerk of the Court by the Secretary of the Senatus Academicus, and dated 17th March, 1876, viz. :—'Referring to the Remit of the University Court to the Senatus of the University on the proposal to make arrangements for facilitating the taking out and returning of Library books, I am instructed to inform you that the Senatus appointed a Committee to examine and report upon the subject, that that Committee gave in the enclosed Report, and that the Senatus at a Meeting held 4th March, 1876, adopted the Report and remitted to the Library Committee to take the necessary steps for making trial of the plan'.

"The Report referred to was as follows, viz.,—'The Library Committee have considered the subject remitted to them, viz., as to a reciprocal exchange of Books at either of the sections of the Library, and recommend to the Senatus to make trial of the following plan, viz. :—

"'A conveyance in charge of a Librarian to pass on two days of every week between the Libraries, and the Books, for which signed applications from Readers have been received, to be conveyed from the one Library to the other, for delivery there, when called for, during the ordinary Library hours.

"'The signed applications shall be countersigned by a Librarian, indicating the Books actually given out, and shall be kept filed at the Library where the Books are delivered until the Books are returned.

"'All Books, so transferred for delivery, if not called for within a week from the time when they are transferred, to be conveyed back to the Library from which they were brought.

"'The above arrangements to be regarded as merely experimental, the Senatus reserving power to alter or withdraw at any time these regulations.—WM. D. GEDDES, *Convener*.'

"The Court sanctioned the Resolution of the Senatus Academicus of 4th March, 1876, to make trial of the above plan, and resolved to request the Senatus Academicus to report to the Court, by April next, as to the success of the working of the plan."

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

On the Eleventh day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Mr. Fyfe resigns the office of Clerk, and receives the cordial thanks of the Council.

The Rev. John Fyfe, A.M., resigned the office of Clerk to the Council, he having been appointed to the Chair of Moral Philosophy in the University.

Charles F. Runcy, Esq., A.M., moved that the cordial thanks of the Council be presented to Mr. Fyfe for the able, painstaking, and impartial manner in which he had performed the duties of Clerk since the first meeting of the Council, on the 10th day of October, 1860.

This motion was seconded by the Rev. David Brown, D.D., and unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Robert Walker is elected Clerk.

The Council then unanimously elected as Clerk Robert Walker, Esq., A.M., Registrar and Librarian of the University.

Report from the Committee anent Changes desirable in the Act and Ordinances, and from that on Arts Curriculum and new Arts Degree.

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., made a verbal Report from the Committee anent Changes desirable in the Universities Act and the Ordinances, and moved that the Committee be re-appointed—which motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., then made a verbal Report from the Committee anent the Arts Curriculum and a New Degree in Arts, and moved that the Committee be re-appointed—which motion was unanimously agreed to.

Report from the Committee anent Lectureships.

William F. Ogg, Esq., read the following Report from the Committee anent Lectureships, viz. :—

"At a meeting of the Committee of the Aberdeen University Council anent the Establishment of Lectureships for the Promotion of Higher Education in Aberdeen, under the Direction of the Professors of the University, held in the University Buildings, Broad Street, on the Fourth day of November, 1876.

"Present—Professors Geddes, Brazier, Nicol, and Struthers, Dr. Beveridge, Messrs. Runcy, Yeats, and Ogg.

"Mr. Ogg, Convener, in the chair.

"A letter from Professor Bain, who was unable, from indisposition, to be present, was read to the meeting. He suggested that a Requisition should be obtained from the Public, shewing that there was a demand for the teaching

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proposed to be given before applying to the Government for pecuniary assistance.

"This suggestion was approved of, and it was resolved to carry it out by laying the matter before the Town Council and other public bodies, and by appealing through them and through the press to the public.

"After discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend that the subjects of the proposed lectures should be the following (to begin with), viz. :—

1. Chemistry.
2. Natural Philosophy.
3. Natural History (Geology and Zoology).
4. Botany.
5. Anatomy and Physiology.
6. The English Language and Literature.

"That if the results of the teaching on these subjects should be satisfactory, others be taken up in addition.

"That the Lectures be given in the University Buildings, Broad Street, or other suitable place, by the Professors of the subjects named, their assistants or substitutes, during the Winter Sessions, except on Botany, as to which the time should be arranged by the Professor to suit himself and those purposing to attend his Lectures.

"That at first Lectures be given on two subjects only in each Winter Session, but the number of subjects to be taught simultaneously be increased if there should be a demand for such increase.

"That every Course consists of twenty, or from twenty to twenty-five Lectures, being about one weekly on each subject during the Winter Sessions.

"That to cover the expense connected with the Lectures, and to ensure their permanence and efficiency, the Government be asked for an endowment, or money grant, of £100 or thereby for each course of Lectures, to be paid only if the number of persons taking out tickets for the Course should not be fewer than forty.

"That tickets for any Course of the Lectures be issued to all persons desirous of instruction, who, as a test of their sincerity, should pay a small fee for each Course, of say, 7s. 6d. or 10s.

"That the Lectures be of a teaching character, and such as would prepare or assist those who might desire to go before the Science and Art Department at Kensington for a Certificate, or before any other Examining Board.

"That while each Professor should deliver or have the direction of the Lectures to be given upon his own Subject, the whole arrangement should be carried out under such

regulations as the Court of the University might enact thereanent.—W. F. Ogg, *Convener.*"

Mr. Ogg then moved—"That the Report be approved of, and a Representation made to the University Court to carry out its recommendations with the pecuniary aid of the Government asked in the Report; and to apply to the Government for such aid if the Court should see fit".

Mr. Ogg's Motion and Representation to University Court.

This motion was seconded by Professor Struthers, M.D., and was unanimously agreed to.

It was also unanimously agreed to re-appoint the Committee, Professor Fuller being added, and Mr. Ogg to be Convener.

Committee is re-appointed, with Professor Fuller added.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee, Professor Fyfe being added.

Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XXXV.

Oct., 1877.

On the Tenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Dr. Christie's Statement anent his Assessorship.

The Rev. John Christie, D.D., stated that he had been appointed to the Professorship of Divinity and Church History in the University, and left it to the Council to decide whether, after his induction thereto, he should continue to act as their Assessor in the University Court.

William F. Ogg, Esq., moved--

Mr. Ogg's Motion.

"That in the opinion of this meeting, Dr. Christie is not disqualified by being appointed a Professor from acting as Assessor of the Council in the University Court, and they request that he continue so to act as heretofore."

Professor Ogston, M.D., seconded this motion.

Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M., moved—

Mr. Cooper's Motion.

"That the Council, having heard Dr. Christie on the question of his continuing to hold the offices of Assessor and Professor together, and having his assurance that he will not resign his office of Assessor without giving due notice to the Council of his intention, resolve to take no action in the matter."

The Rev. R. Reid seconded this motion.

William Paul, Esq., moved—

Mr. Paul's Motion.

"That as this Council are informed that their Assessor in the University Court has been appointed a Professor in the University, a Committee be appointed to consider the legal question which may thus arise, with power to consult counsel, and with instructions to report to next meeting of the General Council."

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., seconded this motion.

Mr. Ogg having withdrawn his motion, a show of hands was taken between Mr. Cooper's motion and that of Mr. Paul, when there voted 18 for the former and 14 for the latter. Mr. Cooper's motion was accordingly declared to be carried.

Deliverance by the Court on the Representation anent University Lectureships.

There was read the following Deliverance of the University Court, dated 9th October, 1877, on the Representation from the General Council, 11th April, 1877, anent University Lectureships, viz. :—

"The Court unanimously resolved that the said Representation be referred to the Senatus Academicus for their Report, as without their opinion upon it, it was felt it would be premature for the Court to take any steps in the matter."

Report by Senatus anent Service of the Libraries.

There was read the following Report by the Senatus Academicus to the University Court, dated 2nd October, 1877, which had been sent to the Council by the University Court, 9th October, 1877 :—

"In accordance with the Resolution of the University Court, requesting the Senatus to draw up a statement as to the working of the arrangement for the mutual service of the Libraries, the following brief Report is now submitted.

The scheme of interchange referred to has now been in operation for two summers and one winter, having been commenced after the annual inspection, which took place in April, 1876. Readers living in Aberdeen may have books belonging to the General Library delivered to them at the Marischal College Buildings, by sending a certain preliminary notice, and are not under the necessity of applying at the Old Town, and similarly regarding readers in the Old Town, who may wish to receive books located only in the New Town.

The arrangement has to a considerable extent been taken advantage of in winter, and the journey of the cab with its freight of books has taken place twice a week, as was first projected. In summer the requirements have not been so extensive, and it has been found practicable to make one journey a week suffice.

The expense has not come to a great amount, and the whole arrangement, though still provisional, and though chiefly employed for returning books which have been taken out in the ordinary way, is one that affords facilities for the exchange of books, is advantageous to the readers, and ought, in the opinion of the Senatus, to be further continued."

Reports by Committees.

In the absence of the Rev. R. Stephen, A.M., Convener of the Committee on the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, the Rev. David Brown, D.D , gave in the following Report :—

"The Committee on the Universities' Act and the Ordinances met on the 29th ult., when it was resolved to submit the following motion to the Council at its ensuing half-yearly meeting—

That this Committee be reappointed with their present powers, and with instructions to prepare a statement on the contents of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Universities of Scotland, to be submitted to the next meeting of this Council after its publication.

"D. BROWN, *pro* R. STEPHEN, *Convener.*"

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., Convener of the Committee on the Arts Curriculum and a New Degree in Arts, gave in

also a Report from said Committee in terms identical with the above.

The Council unanimously approved of these Reports, and agreed to re-appoint the Committees as proposed in them.

Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business Committee all who were members of last Business Committee.

Notice of Motion by Rev. James Smith.

The Rev. R. Reid, on behalf of the Rev. James Smith, A.M., Tarland, gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he will move—

"That, in the opinion of the University Council, the Theological Faculty ought not to be fettered by restrictions from which the other Faculties in the University have been liberated; and that a Committee be appointed to consider in what way the existing anomaly could be best remedied, and to report."

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XXXVI.

On the Tenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair. **April, 1878.**

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Rev. James Smith's motion anent the Theological Faculty.

The Rev. James Smith, A.M., Tarland, brought forward the motion of which he had given notice at last meeting of Council, viz. :—"That, in the opinion of the University Council, the Theological Faculty ought not to be fettered by restrictions from which the other Faculties in the University have been liberated; and that a Committee be appointed to consider in what way the existing anomaly could be best remedied, and to report".

The Rev. Robert Reid seconded this motion.

The Rev. John Davidson, D.D., moved that such Committee be not appointed.

William Paul, Esq., seconded this motion.

After discussion, a vote was taken, when 16 voted for the motion of Mr. Smith, and 59 for that of Dr. Davidson. The latter was accordingly declared to be carried.

Reports by Committees.

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., gave in Reports from the two Committees on the Universities' Act and the Ordinances, and on the Arts Curriculum and a New Degree in Arts. These Committees had met together on the 29th ult., and had agreed to recommend that the existing Committees be discharged, and a new Committee appointed to draw up a statement of the principal changes contemplated by the Royal Universities' Commissioners in their recent Report, and to indicate their bearing on Scottish education generally, and particularly their effect on this University—the Report of the Committee to be submitted to the October meeting of the Council.

A new Committee appointed anent recent Report of the Universities' Commissioners.

The Council unanimously approved of this Report, and thereupon nominated the following Committee :—James Anderson, Esq., M.B.; Professor Bain, LL.D.; Robert Beveridge, Esq., M.B.; Rev. Alexander Beverly, LL.D.; Rev. Prof. Black; Rev. David Brown, D.D.; James Cantlie, Esq., M.B.; Patrick H. Chalmers, Esq., A.M.; Rev. Prof. Christie, D.D.; Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M.; Rev. William Fergusson, A.M.; Angus Fraser, Esq., M.D.; Farquharson T. Garden, Esq.; Professor Geddes, LL.D.; Prof. William A. Hunter; Rev. Professor Milligan, D.D.; John D. Milne, Esq., A.M.; Prof. Nicol; William F. Ogg, Esq.; Alexander Ogston, Esq., M.D.; William Paul, Esq.; William J. Sin-

clair, Esq., M.D.; Rev. James Smith, B.D. (Newhills); Rev. William R. Smith, A.M.; Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M.; Professor Stephenson, M.D.; Prof. Stirling, M.D.; Prof. Struthers, M.D.; Rev. Professor Trail, D.D.; Prof. James W. H. Trail, M.B.; Rev. John Watt, B.D.; John F. White, Esq., A.M.; Rev. James Whyte, D.D.;—the Rev. Robert Stephen, A.M., to be Convener.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were Members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XXXVII.

On the Ninth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-eight, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair. **Oct., 1878.**

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Deliverance by the University Court anent Evening Lectureships.

The following Deliverance by the University Court, dated 2nd August, 1878, on the Representation made by the General Council, in April, 1877, anent the Establishment of Evening Lectureships, having been printed, was held as read, viz. :—

"The Court, at a former Meeting, referred the Representation of the Council, containing a proposal for the establishment of Evening Lectureships in connection with the University, to the Senatus Academicus, without whose sanction the Court could not proceed in the matter of the proposal.

The Report of the Senatus has now been received and considered by the Court, and it will be communicated to the Council.

The Council will observe that the Senatus are unfavourable to the scheme as proposed, and that upon the grounds explained in their Report. They state that it is beyond the powers and means of the University to make that regular provision for Evening Lectures which the scheme implies, as no Professor can be laid under obligation to teach in the Evening, and the Senatus therefore decline to undertake the duty of providing a regular set of Evening classes.

On the other hand, the Senatus will allow full liberty to individual Professors to give Evening Courses within the University.

The Council will see that from the terms of this reply, and as the Court has no power to prescribe to individual Professors or to interfere with them except in the line of their professional duties, it is not possible for the Court at present to take any further steps to carry out the Council's wishes.

There appears to have been a slight misunderstanding on the part of the Senatus in supposing the Representation to state that the Evening Lectures in question would prepare for degree examinations in the University of London. No such statement is in fact contained in the Council's Representation, but this does not affect the substance of the Report."

The following is the Report of the Senatus on the subject :—

"The Proposal embodied in the Resolution of the General Council is so far immature that it contemplates an appeal to the public to ascertain whether there is a sufficient desire for instruction on the subjects specified, and a further appeal to the Government for a money grant of £100 a-year, or thereby, in aid of each course of Lectures, if not fewer than forty tickets are taken out. The Senatus has no means of judging of what may be the result of those appeals, and can only state how far the arrangements and resources of the University admit of such courses being given.

For a number of years, beginning in 1854, two Evening Courses were delivered in Marischal College in connection with the Mechanics' Institution. One of these was on Natural Philosophy, and was commenced by the late Professor Gray, and continued by his successor till 1860. The other course was on Chemistry, and was delivered by Mr. Brazier, then Dr. Clark's assistant, up to the Union, and four years afterwards. Being given on behalf of the Mechanics' Institution, there were no rival courses in the town. The Court may therefore infer that the Senatus is ready to allow full liberty to individual Professors to give Evening Courses within the University.

The scheme sent up from the Council implies something further; namely, a regular provision for securing Evening Lectures in certain specified departments, supposing there be evidence that they will be attended, and that the Government will contribute to the expense. The Senatus is of opinion that such provision is beyond the present powers and means of the University. No Professor can be laid under obligation to teach in the evening; and in the subjects put prominently forward in the scheme, the arrangements of the day classes put great obstacles in the way of any evening class. The Natural Philosophy class meets in Old Aberdeen, and the apparatus could not well be transferred for use in Marischal College. The Chemistry day class meets at so late an hour in the afternoon as to render it very difficult to clear the table for an Evening Lecture; and although the present Professor actually gave Evening Courses, he had to compel the evening pupils to follow such a line as might be compatible with the exhibition of the same experiments as were given in the day hour. The Natural History class is trammelled with similar difficulties; and it must depend entirely on the Professor himself whether they can be overcome. In like manner as regards Anatomy and Physiology, as well as Botany, the Professor in each case must be the sole judge as

to the possibility of an Evening Course. In subjects not requiring experiments, Evening Courses may be given at the pleasure of the several Professors. But the Senatus does not see its way to undertake the duty of organising and maintaining a regular set of Evening Classes such as to fulfil the aims set forth in the scheme of the General Council.

The promoters of the scheme labour under a considerable misapprehension in supposing that Evening Courses of twenty Lectures would prepare for degree examinations at the University of London. Anyhow, the University of Aberdeen is instituted to qualify students for its own degrees by a system of day instruction; and in order to become a teaching body for degrees by Evening Lectures it would require a new set of teachers and of teaching arrangements."

Report by Committee anent recent Report of the Universities' Commissioners.

The following printed Report of the Committee appointed at last Meeting anent the recent Report of the Royal Universities' Commissioners was held as read, viz. :—

"At the first meeting of the Committee it was unanimously resolved to appoint two open Sub-Committees, one on the subject of the Arts Curriculum and Degree, the other to consider the Constitutional questions embraced in the Commissioners' Report.

I. The Sub-Committee on the Curriculum appointed certain of its members to prepare Reports on the course of study pursued in the English, Irish, and Foreign Universities, which Reports were prepared accordingly and taken into consideration at the next meeting.

At a subsequent meeting the Sub-Committee had before them certain definite proposals with reference to the recommendations of the Commission.

First.—The following two resolutions proposed by Mr. J. Duguid Milne :—

"(I.) That the Council approve of the recommendation of the Commissioners to introduce alternatives in the course of study for the degree of A.M., subject to the qualification that, in order to maintain the breadth and solidity of University education, it be made imperative on the student to attend classes and pass examinations in not less than two of the following branches, viz. :—(1) Classics; (2) Mathematics; (3) Physics; (4) Logic; and (5) Natural Science; in part of, or in addition to, the special subjects of study prescribed for the course."

"(II.) That in order to harmonise the course of education at the Universities and the preparatory schools, and relieve the undue crowding of subjects of study at the latter schools, the Council approve of the introduction of corresponding

alternatives or options in the competitive and pass examinations for bursaries and scholarships, and in any entrance or preliminary examination that may be instituted,—as by annexing the first examination proposed by the Commissioners to the present general curriculum of the University, and to the new special classical course: and by instituting an alternative or optional first examination, in English, Mathematics, a Modern Language, and the Additional Subjects suggested by the Commissioners (Elementary Mechanics and Natural Science) as an entrance examination for the other special courses of the University."

These resolutions were discussed but not put to the vote.

Second.—Three resolutions moved by Professor Black:—

"(I.) That the Council approve of options in the course for a degree in arts, provided the breadth and solidity of University education be maintained.

"(II.) That in all cases, English, Latin, and Mathematics shall be imperative, and these as the leading subjects of school instruction shall form the staple of any entrance examination.

"(III.) That the number of options proposed by the Commissioners is excessive, and their proposals so vague as to need further elaboration, but the general principles on which they proceed seem capable of being adapted to meet the wants of the Scottish Universities."

The first of these resolutions was adopted unanimously. The third was adopted in like manner. Regarding the second, Mr. J. F. White moved, and Principal Brown seconded, that the word "Classics" should be inserted instead of "Latin"; which motion was negatived by a large majority, and the original resolution passed.

It was finally agreed to report the whole proceedings to the General Committee.

II.—The Constitutional Sub-Committee held a meeting on 22nd July last and adopted a Report, which is as follows:—

In the absence of Mr. Stephen, the Convener of the Committee, Mr. W. F. Ogg presided. Letters of apology and on the business of the meeting were received from Mr. Stephen, the Convener, from Principal Brown, Professor Bain, Messrs. J. D. Milne, and J. F. White.

The subjects considered were—

First,—*The Constitution and Powers of the University Court.*

The Council had asked from the Commissioners through

its delegates that its powers in the University Court should be increased by allowing it to elect three Representatives or Assessors in place of one, as at present; that one additional Assessor should be elected by the Senatus; and that *quoad ultra* the Court should be constituted as at present. This is precisely what the Commissioners have recommended. But in the case of the Council they report that each member have two votes only in the election—that is, that the constituency be what is called "three-cornered". The Commissioners also, in accordance with the recommendation of the Council, report that in the election of a Rector the system of voting by nations be abolished, and that the election be by a general poll.

The Sub-Committee considered *seriatim*, and approved of the various recommendations in the summary of the Report in which the Commissioners deal with the constitution and powers of the Court. They are Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 45, 46, and 47. These are—

"1. That three Assessors shall be elected by the General Council instead of one, as at present, each member of Council having only two votes in the election; that the three Assessors shall be elected together, and shall hold office for the same period of four years; and that in the event of any casual vacancy in the office of an Assessor, the person elected in his room shall go out of office along with the other Assessors.

"2. That two Assessors shall be elected by the Senatus Academicus instead of one as at present; except that in St. Andrews, as long as there are two Principals in the University, each Principal shall be *ex officio* a member of the Court, and while that arrangement exists there shall be only one Assessor elected by the Senatus.

"3. That the Assessor nominated by the Chancellor shall hold office for four years as at present; but that, in the event of a new Chancellor being appointed, the Assessor nominated by the previous Chancellor shall hold office until, and only until, a nomination of Assessor is made by the new Chancellor.

"4. That the Assessor nominated by the Rector shall hold office for three years as at present; but that when a new Rector is elected the Assessor nominated by the previous Rector shall hold office until, and only until, a nomination of Assessor is made by the new Rector.

"5. That the University Court shall be declared to have the power of initiating proceedings against a Principal or Professor under sec. 12, 5 of the Act 21 and 22 Vic. cap. 83, without the necessity of any one not a member of the Court appearing as Prosecutor; and shall be declared en-

titled, for the purpose of such proceedings, to call before it any member of the University to give evidence, and also to institute and conduct any such enquiries as it may deem necessary for that purpose.

"6. That it shall be declared that no decision of the Senatus Academicus on a matter within its competency shall be reviewed by the University Court, except on appeal taken by a member of the Senatus, or other member of the University having an interest in the decision.

"7. That the University Court shall be empowered on application by any member of the Senatus to define the nature and limits of a Professor's duties under his Commission, subject to appeal to Your Majesty in Council, or to the General Universities Court, in the event of a Court of that nature being instituted."

"12. That all persons who have hitherto held, or who shall hereafter hold, the office of Rector, or Principal, or Professor in any of the Universities, shall be members for life of the General Councils of the Universities in which they have respectively held office."

"45. That in the election of Rector in the Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen, the system of voting by nations shall be abolished; and that the election be by a general poll of the whole students, as in Edinburgh and St. Andrews.

"46. That the time for the election of Rector shall be fixed in each University at a date not later than a fortnight after the commencement of the winter session, and that no election be allowed on any ground to take place at another time than the stated day.

"47. That in regard to the election of Chancellor and Assessors by the General Council, the following modifications of the provisions of Ordinance No. 11 of the Commissioners under the Universities Act shall be made, viz. :—

"1. The voting paper shall embody a declaration that the member has not signed any other voting paper, nor has previously voted in the election; and shall have added to it a clause of attestation to the voter's signature.

"2. No voting paper shall be delivered personally to members of Council or to any other person, and all shall be issued through the post to the addresses of members as appearing on the Register, and any intimation of change of address to be in time for the election, shall be lodged with the Registrar before the day of nomination.

"3. While it should be required that the voting papers shall be issued as far as possible simultaneously, a longer interval than is given by the Ordinance shall

be allowed for that purpose, say eight clear days from the day of nomination.

"4. It shall be competent for members to vote personally in the election after the interval for issuing the voting papers has expired, provided that any member voting personally may be required to declare that he has not signed a voting paper nor has previously voted in the election.

"5. Provision shall be made that, at the issuing and opening of the letters by the Registrar, as well as at the summing up of the votes, representatives of the Candidates may be present."

Second,—*The General Universities Court for Scotland.*

Under the Universities Act of 1858, the Privy Council was constituted the Supreme Court of Appeal in all important matters. The Council of the University objected to this tribunal, because, *inter alia*, of the expense attending the procedure before it. The Commissioners propose, in place of the Privy Council, a New Court of Appeal to be called a "General Universities Court for Scotland." Its constitution and powers are described in articles 9, 10, and 11 of the summary of Recommendations. These the Committee considered and approved of. They are :—

"9. That a General Universities Court for Scotland shall be established, consisting of eleven members, viz., the Chancellors of the four Universities, four elected Representatives of the Universities, of whom one shall be elected by each Senatus Academicus, none of such elected Representatives to be members either of the Senatus Academicus or of the University Court of any University, and three persons to be nominated by your Majesty from time to time ; and that the elected Representatives of the Universities shall hold office for five years, but shall be eligible for re-election.

"10. That the General Universities Court shall be authorised and empowered :—

"1. To Act as a Court of Appeal from the decision of any University Court where the power of appeal is expressly given ;

"2. To Act as a Court for sanctioning new Ordinances as well as changes in existing Ordinances as proposed by the University Court of any University to which such new Ordinances or changes are respectively to apply, the separate consent of the Chancellor of the University, and the approval by your Majesty in Council in the form at present required being made no longer necessary ;

"3. To take into consideration from time to time, and to

report to your Majesty upon any matters connected with the Universities upon which they may deem it of importance to represent their views, or which may be specially referred to them by your Majesty.

"11. That the necessary expenses of the General Universities Court shall be met from moneys to be voted by Parliament for the purpose."

Third,—*The Council's Right of making Representations to the Court.*

The Council brought under the notice of the Commission the loose wording of the 2nd Sub-Section of the 12th Section of the Act of 1858, in regard to the right of the Council to make Representations to the Court on the subject of proposed improvements. The Commissioners report that they understand the true construction of the Act to be as contended for by the Council, and they therefore considered an alteration in the wording to be unnecessary, but that if desired they did not object to the insertion of the word "first" before "be submitted," which would remove all doubt as to the meaning of the clause.

Fourth,—*New Chairs and Chair of Law in the University.*

The Sub-Committee's attention having been directed to that part of the Commissioners' Report in which they propose certain New Chairs and a re-arrangement of the duties of the Law Chair, it was resolved, in accordance with the suggestion of an absent member, that the consideration of the subject should be devolved *simpliciter* on the General Committee.

W. F. Ogg, *C.*

At a final meeting of the General Committee, the reports of the two Sub-Committees were brought up and considered.

First, on the Constitutional Questions.

It was resolved to approve of the Sub-Committee's Report, and to recommend it to the Council for adoption.

With reference to the New Chairs and the Chair of Law, it was resolved to approve of the additional Chairs and Lectureships for this University recommended by the Commissioners at pages 63 and 64 of their Report, including the proposed re-arrangement of the existing Chair of Law.

Second, on the Arts Curriculum and Degree.

Mr. Duguid Milne moved his resolutions as brought before the Sub-Committee.

Professor Black moved the adoption of the Report.

Professor Geddes moved that the Report be referred back to the Sub-Committee.

Professor Black's motion was carried by a large majority; and the meeting accordingly agreed to recommend to the Council the resolutions passed by the Sub-Committee; and to transmit Mr. Milne's proposed resolutions as part of the Report.

Professor Geddes entered his dissent, on the ground that the Report had gone beyond the terms of the remit.

A. BAIN, Chairman."

After considerable discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the whole of the foregoing Report lie on the table for more deliberate consideration till next meeting of the Council.

John F. White, Esq., A.M., moved—

Motion by Mr. White anent University Pictures.

"That the Council respectfully represent to the University Court that many of the Pictures belonging to the University are in an unsatisfactory state, and that a re-arrangement of the collection is desirable."

This motion was seconded by the Principal, and unanimously agreed to.

Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business Committee all who were members of last Business Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XXXVIII
April, 1879.

On the Ninth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-nine, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Report by Committee anent recent Report of the Universities Commissioners.

It was unanimously resolved that the Report of the Committee on the recent Report of the Royal Universities' Commissioners, which had been given in at last Meeting, remain on the table for further consideration till next ordinary Meeting of Council.

Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business Committee all who were members of last Business Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XXXIX.
Oct., 1879.

On the Fifteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Report by Committee anent recent Report of the Universities' Commissioners.

The Council resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on the recent Report of the Royal Universities' Commissioners.

Professor Bain's motion.

Professor Bain, LL.D., moved that the Report be approved of.

Professor J. W. H. Trail, M.D., seconded this motion.

Mr. Milne's motion.

John Duguid Milne, Esq., A.M., moved—"That the Resolutions recommended by the Committee be adopted, subject to this variation, that at the Entrance and Bursary examinations and competitions it shall be optional to the student to substitute for Latin, either Elementary Physics, or Natural Science, or a Modern Continental Language."

This motion not having been seconded was considered to have fallen to the ground.

Rev. Dr. Davidson's motion.

The Rev. John Davidson, D.D., moved—"That in the absence of any immediate prospect of definite legislation upon the subject of University education in Scotland, the Council do not find it necessary to commit itself to approval of abstract resolutions."

This motion was seconded by Professor Thomson, and was carried as, on a show of hands being taken, there appeared 28 for it and 6 for that of Dr. Bain.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XL.
April, 1880.

On the Fourteenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Deliverance by Univ. Court on Council's Representation anent state of University Pictures.

There was read the following Deliverance by the University Court, of date 9th March, 1880, on the Representation made by the Council in October, 1878, anent the state of the University Pictures, viz. :—

"The Court at a former meeting referred the Representation of the Council to the Senatus, and their Report has now been received and approved. It recommends the following measures as embracing all that is possible in present circumstances :—

"'1. That a catalogue be made of the pictures, indicating subjects, dates, and names of painters, as far as ascertainable. 2. That the pictures be carefully cleaned, under instructions given by some competent artist. 3. That a selection of the finer works in the Henderson collection be transferred from the Public School to the Hall, to form a group inscribed 'Henderson Bequest'. 4. That application be made to Government for repainting both Hall and Public School in such a form as will be suitable for the proper exhibition of the pictures belonging to the University.'

"In the event of the Court granting its approval, the Senatus farther authorised a Committee to carry the above recommendations into effect, but the style of painting the Halls, if the Government undertook the work, to be approved of by the Senatus, before the work is executed."

Motion by Dr. Struthers anent a new Chair of Pathology.

It was moved by Professor Struthers, M.D., and unanimously agreed to—"That the General Council respectfully represent to the University Court that it is desirable that a Professorship of Pathological Anatomy be established in the University with as little delay as possible".

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XLI.

Oct., 1880.

On the Thirteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Council proceeded to the election of an Assessor to represent the Council in the University Court during the ensuing period of four years, under Ordinance No. 11.

Dr. Bain and Mr. White are nominated for the Assessorship in the University Court.

John Webster, Esq., LL.D., M.P., Aberdeen, moved that Alexander Bain, Esq., A.M., LL.D., be elected; which motion was seconded by Angus Fraser, Esq., M.D., Aberdeen.

The Rev. Professor Black, A.M., moved that John Forbes White, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen, be elected; which motion was seconded by Charles Edward Wilson, Esq., A.M., LL.D., Edinburgh.

A Poll is demanded.

After debate, a show of hands was taken, when the President declared the majority to be in favour of Mr. White. Dr. Webster thereupon demanded a poll.

The Minutes of last Meeting were then approved.

Deliverance by the University Court on Council's Representation anent a new Chair of Pathology.

There was laid on the table the following Deliverance by the University Court, dated 13th May, 1880, on the Representation made by the Council at its last meeting on the subject of a proposed new Chair of Pathological Anatomy, viz. :—

"The Court unanimously approved of the object which the Council have in view in the said Representation, and resolved to give them all the support in their power towards carrying the proposal into effect."

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XLII.
April, 1881.

On the Thirteenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty One, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Intimation of the Election of Mr. J. F. White as Assessor for the General Council.

There was read the following letter from the Registrar:—

"UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
"*4th November, 1880.*

"To the Clerk of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen.

"SIR,

"I beg leave to intimate to you that to-day I summed up—in the manner prescribed by Ordinance No. 11 of the Scottish Universities' Commissioners — the Votes which had been sent to me in the Poll demanded for an Assessor to represent the General Council in the University Court; and that I found a majority of these votes were in favour of John Forbes White, Esq., A.M., the numbers being, for Mr. White, 997, for Dr. Bain, 547.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obedient Servant,

"(Signed) ROBERT WALKER,
"REGISTRAR."

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XLIII.
Oct., 1881.

On the Twelfth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty One, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XLIV.

On the Twelfth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-Two, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair. **April, 1882.**

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

James Moir, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen, moved—"That the Council respectfully represent to the University Court that it is expedient and desirable that an Executive Commission should be issued for the Scottish Universities". **Motion by Mr. Moir anent an Executive Commission.**

This motion was seconded by Professor Geddes, LL.D., and unanimously agreed to.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee. **Business-Committee.**

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XLV.
Oct., 1882.

On the Eleventh day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-two, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Deliverance by the Court on Representation anent Executive Commission.

There was read the following Deliverance by the University Court, dated 23rd August, 1882, on the Representation made by the Council in April last on the subject of an Executive Commission, viz. :—

"The Court approves of the said Representation 'that it is expedient and desirable that an Executive Commission should be issued for the Scottish Universities'."

Professor Struthers, M.D., moved :—

Motion by Professor Struthers anent Medical Bursaries.

"That the Council respectfully represent to the University Court the importance of making known the want of Medical Bursaries in the University, as the number of Bursaries for Students of Medicine is still very small compared with the number of Students in that Faculty."

This motion was seconded by the Rev. David Brown, D.D., and unanimously agreed to.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XLVI.
Apr., 1883.

On the Eleventh day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-three, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Deliverance by the Court on Representation anent Medical Bursaries.

There was read the following Deliverance by the University Court, dated 10th April, 1883, on the Representation made by the Council in October last on the subject of Medical Bursaries, viz. :—

"The Court heartily concurs in the desirableness of an addition to our bursaries for the benefit of Students of Medicine, and has much satisfaction in recording the recent gifts by Mrs. Marr and Mr. Thompson of Pitmedden for that express object."

Motion by Mr. Moir for a Committee anent the Universities' Bill.

James Moir, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen, moved :—

"That a Committee of the Council be appointed to consider the Universities' Bill, and to report to next Meeting of Council."

The Council unanimously approved of this motion, and thereupon nominated the following Committee :—Robert Beveridge, Esq., M.B.; the Rev. David Brown, D.D.; the Rev. James Cooper, A.M.; Professor Donaldson, LL.D.; Professor Geddes, LL.D.; James Kerr, Esq., A.M.; John D. Milne, Esq., A.M.; Professor Minto; James Moir, Esq., A.M.; Professor Nicholson, M.D.; Professor Niven; William F. Ogg, Esq.; Charles F. Runcy, Esq., A.M.; the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D.; Professor Stirling, M.D.; Professor Struthers, M.D., with power to add to their number—Mr. Moir to be Convener.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction. (Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

XLVII.
Oct., 1883.

On the Tenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-three, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Report by Committee anent the Universities' Bill.

The following Report from the Committee appointed at last meeting anent the Universities' (Scotland) Bill, having been printed, was held as read, viz. :—

"The Committee appointed at last meeting of the University Council, met on 1st October, in the Grammar School, Aberdeen, when Principal Brown was called to the chair. The minute bearing on their appointment was read, which showed by its wording that the Committee were precluded from taking any steps to bring their views before Members of Parliament or others interested in the passing of the Bill. In fact, if the Bill had been passed in last session of Parliament, the Council would have had no opportunity of formally expressing its opinion of the Bill.

Your Committee would also premise that they waived consideration of Clause 7 (2 *e*) which deals with the question of the abolition of Tests, and confined their attention to the bearing of the Bill on Academic Education generally, in the belief that the introduction of matter on which men are divided on other than educational grounds is likely to endanger, or seriously hamper, the passage of a measure which the interests of the higher education in Scotland urgently require.

For the rest, your Committee while approving of the Bill generally, and thankful to Her Majesty's Government for introducing it, think that the Bill is in some respects quite inadequate to meet the wants of University training in Scotland.

The chief points in which they desire to see the Bill altered when re-introduced into Parliament, as they hope it will be next session, are these:—

1. They hold that the proposal contained in Clause 20, that "the said annual sum of £40,000 granted in pursuance of this Act, shall be deemed to be in full discharge of all claims, past, present and future of the said Universities, &c.," is inadequate and premature. The proposed grant is, under any circumstances, inadequate, so far as Aberdeen University is concerned, and becomes absurdly inadequate if the recommendations of the Commission of 1876 are to be taken as an index of the wants of that University. According to the return made to Parliament showing the public moneys assigned to the Scottish Universities during the last ten years, a sum of £409,250 19s. 2d., or an average of nearly £41,000 per annum, has been so assigned, including the special grants for buildings. Exclusive of those special grants, the sum allocated in the year 1882-83 was £33,330 15s. 4d. It would thus appear that, even supposing the Universities to require no additional buildings in all time to come, it is proposed to allow them only £6600 in addition to their present allowance, to meet the expenses of all the new educational machinery required by the increasing wants of the time. Now, the Commissioners of 1876 recommended with a view

to the efficient equipment of the Faculty of Medicine alone, and in the University of Aberdeen alone, an annual extra expenditure for Class-Assistants, Apparatus, and Museums of nearly £1800. (This estimate, it should be noticed, does not include the Chair of Pathology recently founded by Sir Erasmus Wilson.) Besides they recommended for Aberdeen, the institution of new Chairs of English Literature, History, and Geology and Mineralogy, which would require an annual expenditure of at least £1200, if these Chairs are to be put on an equal footing with others already in the curriculum. Thus Aberdeen University would require £3000 a-year beyond what it now receives—in other words, nearly half of all that would be available for the whole four Universities—in order that the recommendation of the Commission might be carried out—not to speak of other Educational wants which the future may have in store. Again, your Committee consider the hard and fast definition of this proposal of the Bill premature. They think that the Commissioners to be appointed under the Bill should first settle what are the reforms that require to be made in connection with each University, and that Government should then say what assistance in the form of an annual contribution they are prepared to give to carry out these reforms.

2. Your Committee think that the Bill went too far in the separation of the Universities as National Institutions from the care and control of the State, and, in particular, that the proposal contained in Clause 10 of the Bill, that "the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings shall transfer all their right, title and interest" in the buildings of the Universities to the Universities themselves, is one which should be withdrawn. These buildings belong at present to the nation; many of them, such as the Colleges of St. Andrews, and King's College and Chapel, Aberdeen, are historic buildings, which should not be left to the risk of falling into irretrievable decay, as they might be if their maintenance and repair were left to the Universities, which have either no funds or funds inadequate for the purpose. In consequence of the numerous claims upon the general fund for teaching apparatus, and other facilities for the work of the various classes, there would obviously be a tendency to neglect the proper maintenance of the buildings.

3. Your Committee would deplore the total extinction of St. Andrews University. They think that sub-sections 1 and 2 of Clause 8, afford amply sufficient means for giving the most venerable of the Scottish Universities a new lease of life.

4. With reference to Clause 9, your Committee think that before the University Court of any University submit draft

rules, statutes, &c., for the consideration of the Commissioners, these rules, &c., should be laid before the Senatus Academicus, and the University Council, in order to allow those bodies to express their views on them. In like manner in connection with Clause 23, which deals with the powers of the University Courts, after the Commissioners have ceased to act, your Committee think that before the Court refer any proposals to the Committee of Council on Education, the Senatus Academicus and the University Council, should have an opportunity of discussing these proposals.

5. Your Committee while highly approving of the institution of Entrance Examinations to the various Faculties, and while expressing their belief that it is not due to the condition of the Aberdeen Faculty of Arts that such Entrance Examinations have become necessary, think it expedient that it should be definitely provided that the standard of admission to the various Faculties be made the same in all the four Universities.

In name of the Committee,

JAMES MOIR, *Convener.*"

6th October, 1883.

Report adopted and sent to Univ. Court with two Representations.

It was moved by Charles F. Runcy, Esq., A.M., and unanimously agreed to—

"That the Council adopt the foregoing Report submitted by the Committee, and send it on to the University Court with the following respectful Representation:—That in the event of any Bill being introduced into Parliament next Session, affecting the Scottish Universities, containing a provision that any sum thereby provided for the Scottish Universities should be in full discharge of all claims of the Universities, or in any way limiting the grant to the Scottish Universities, the University Court should petition against such provision, and should take all constitutional steps to prevent such provision being passed into law."

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., moved that the Council further respectfully represent to the University Court—

"That the attention of the Court be directed to the importance of enlarging the powers of the University Council and of defining more precisely the powers of the proposed Commission, and to the clause of the Report relating to Entrance Examinations.

This motion was unanimously agreed to.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction. (Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

On the Ninth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-four, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair. **XLVIII. April, 1884.**

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

There was read the following Deliverance by the University Court, dated 28th January, 1884, on the Representations made by the Council in October last on the subject of the Universities' (Scotland) Bill, viz. :— **Deliverance by University Court on Representations anent Universities' Bill.**

"That the subject of the said Representations is still before the Court and that the Court is prepared to give the same due consideration should another Bill be introduced into Parliament".

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee. **Business-Committee.**

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

On the Fifteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-four, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair. **XLIX. October, 1884.**

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

The Council proceeded to the Election of an Assessor to represent the Council in the University Court during the ensuing period of four years, under Ordinance No. 11. **Mr. John F. White is re-elected as Assessor.**

The Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., proposed that John Forbes White, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen, be re-elected as Assessor.

This Motion was seconded by Professor Stirling, M.D., and was unanimously agreed to.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee, with the addition of the Clerk of Council. **Business-Committee.**

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) W. R. PIRIE.

...th day of April, Eighteen Hundred
... the General Council of the University
... the Principal in the chair.
... the President, the Minutes of last Meeting

...vid Brown, D.D., moved the following Re-
... the University Court, on the subject of the
...ties' (Scotland) Bill, viz. :—

"...iversity Council respectfully represent to the
... Court, that while recognising with satisfaction
...rtial improvement which appears in the amended
...ies' Bill as compared with the former one, and
...ared that the Court which has already given its
... to the important interests which it involves, will
... watch its progress, they are of opinion that the
... which this Bill gives to the Commissioners about to
... pointed to make provision, if they think it expedient,
... extramural teaching in Faculties in which there is no
... provision, or otherwise to increase the teaching staff
... any University, is of so novel a character, and, in their
... of such dubious advantage, while apparently fraught
... danger to the very interests in whose behalf it is re-
...commended, that it would be well in the judgment of this
Council that the Court should weigh the whole question
very fully, and avail itself of any opportunity that may
occur for pointing out in the proper quarter the probable
effect of such provision upon the future of our University
system in the light of past experience in other quarters".

Professor Struthers, M.D., moved the following Representation on the same subject, viz. :—

"That in regard to the Universities' (Scotland) Bill now before Parliament, the General Council respectfully represent to the University Court that, while the Bill contains various proposals of which the Council approves including that of the appointment of an Executive Commission, the Council cannot approve of those clauses of the Bill which relate to the 'Transfer of Property,' or of the clauses which relate to Finance—that in regard to the latter the Council not only consider the sum as insufficient to effect the improvements required, but looking on the Scottish Universities as National Institutions disapprove of the principle to give a lump sum 'in discharge of all claims' of the Universities to support from the State; and that the Council is of opinion that, for the clauses referred to dealing with Finance, a clause should be substituted, similar in principle to the 21st clause of the Universities' (Scotland) Act of 1858,

which enacts that 'the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall be empowered to pay out of such moneys as may be provided by Parliament for the purpose . . . . such sums of money as the Commissioners herein appointed shall recommend to be paid for any one or more of the following purposes' ".

It was unanimously agreed that each of the above Representations be adopted and forwarded to the University Court.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

At Aberdeen, the 14th April, 1886, Signed in presence of and by authority of the Council.

WM. D. GEDDES,
Principal.

LI.
Oct., 1885.

On the Fourteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-five, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Deliverances by the University Court on Representations anent recent Universities' Bill.

There were read the following Deliverances by the University Court, dated 20th August, 1885, on the Representations made by the Council in April last on the subject of the recent Universities' (Scotland) Bill of 1885, viz.:—

"(1) That the Court concurs in the representation of the Council upon extra-mural teaching, so far as to consider that (without prejudging the question as to the applicability of the system to the different Universities under their several circumstances) the subject is one of serious moment to the whole University system, and that the provisions of any University Bill dealing with such a matter would require to be watched with the greatest care.

"(2) In regard to the second Representation, the Court directed that a copy of the Petition of the Court to Parliament on the Bill be transmitted to the Council as expressing fully the views of the Court on the various points referred to."

The said Petition of the University Court to the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, bore date 30th April, 1885, and was in the following terms, viz.:—

"1. That a Bill has been brought into your Honourable House, intituled, 'A Bill for the better Administration and Endowment of the Universities of Scotland'.

"2. That your Petitioners observe in the Bill certain proposed regulations and provisions in regard to Entrance Examinations, the variation and enlargement of Curricula, the institution of new Faculties, and other alterations in the arrangements for Teaching. That these regulations and provisions, under whatever form, will necessarily involve the University in a greatly increased expenditure, but your Petitioners fail to find any adequate provision to meet the pecuniary exigencies which the proposed regulations will render necessary.

"3. That your Petitioners regret to find that the Clause 23—'*Annual grant under this Act to be in full discharge of all claims of the said Universities to public moneys*'—notwithstanding some change in the wording from the corresponding Clause in the Bill of the previous year 1884, appears to bear within it the meaning of finality and to be intended to bar the claim in future against any increase of moneys from the Treasury to the Scottish Universities, and therefore the Clause, under such a meaning and intention, must meet with strong disapproval as being erroneous in principle and specially unjust to this University whose interests your Petitioners are bound to keep in view.

"4. That the proposal in Clause 24, to give the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury power to commute the whole or any portion of the sums so payable, standing as it does in immediate sequence to Clause 23 as in the Bill of 1884, is objectionable on many grounds, and specially because the risks of investment and costs of administration, from which the University is now relieved, would form a heavy responsibility and burden upon its resources, and seriously impair the real value of the sum proposed to be transferred as commutation.

"5. That the sum proposed in Clause 20 as the amount of the annual grant from the Consolidated Fund is inadequate to meet the wants now felt in almost every department of instruction, and entirely inadequate to meet the demands of the not distant future, if progress in science and learning is to be maintained, and if Scotland is to continue to hold a due position in the matter of the Higher Education. That, instead of a fixed sum being named in the Bill, the more expedient course in the opinion of your Petitioners would be that the Commission under the Bill should first report on the necessary reforms and improvements requiring to be introduced, and thereafter apply to Parliament for the money required to carry these into execution. That the inadequacy of the sum proposed is further manifest from a comparison with the more ample and liberal recommendations by the Royal Commission of Inquiry of 1876-78, to whose Report

direct reference is made in the Preamble of the Bill. That the amount of the sum assigned to the four Scottish Universities appears far from ample, when judged in comparison with the very large sums annually granted by other European States to their Universities. That in proof thereof, it is proper to refer to the most recent instance of liberality in the case of a foreign University, viz., that of Strassburg, which, although a single University and numbering only as yet 858 matriculated students, is stated to receive an annual endowment of 1,087,227 francs (£43,000), along with a sum of 150,000 francs (£6000) for the maintenance of its Library, in addition to 16,000,000 francs (£640,000) bestowed upon its outfit since its annexation to Germany.

"6. That your Petitioners further deem it their duty to reclaim against the proposal in Clause 14 under the head of Transfer of Property, viz., the proposal that the buildings of the University be withdrawn from the charge of the Government Board of Works and that each University be charged with the care and maintenance of its own buildings. That such a proposal is especially disadvantageous and unfair to the University of Aberdeen, inasmuch as it would be in direct opposition to the special recommendation made by Her Majesty's Commissioners under the Executive Commission of 1858 in favour of the placing of the University buildings of Aberdeen University under Her Majesty's Board of Works, a recommendation confirmed by the subsequent Commission of 1876 in its Report of 1878, and which has been acted on for upwards of twenty years with much advantage so far in the case of the Aberdeen University. That it appears to your Petitioners that the care and maintenance of the University buildings, as public property of national and historical interest, should be in the hands of a Government Department. That farther, in the event of finality being included in the Bill, this University, which is now known to stand in pressing need of large extension of its buildings, would be placed at serious disadvantage compared with the other Scottish Universities, those of Edinburgh and Glasgow, to which very large grants of public moneys have lately been made to assist them in the extension of their buildings.

"7. That therefore your Petitioners, while disposed to regard with favour a Bill for the better Administration and Endowment of the Scottish Universities, cannot regard the Bill now before your Honourable House as answering such a description, and accordingly pray that unless it is amended in the foregoing particulars, your Honourable House will not pass the Bill into Law."

Motion by Prof Struthers.

Professor Struthers, M.D., moved :—

"That the Council respectfully represent to the University

Court that it is desirable that the influence of the University should be employed to induce the Government to introduce a Universities' (Scotland) Bill differing from the Bill of last year :—

"(1) In the entire removal of terms which might imply finality.

"(2) In recognising more liberally the claims of the Scottish Universities.

"(3) In recognising the claim of Aberdeen University to consideration in respect to extension of its buildings."

This motion was seconded by the Rev. David Brown, D.D., and agreed to.

Proposed vote of thanks to Dr. Webster.

The Rev. David Brown, D.D., then moved :—

"That the Council express their cordial thanks to Dr. Webster for the important service which he rendered, as a Member of Parliament, in obtaining the withdrawal of the recent Universities' (Scotland) Bill, as it stood".

This motion was seconded by Professor Struthers, M.D.

The Rev. Professor Christie, D.D., moved :—

"That Dr. Brown's motion, in the above form, be not adopted".

This motion was seconded by the Rev. John Calder, A.M., Crimond.

A vote being taken, it was found that there were 2 in favour of each motion, and, as the Chairman declined to give a casting-vote, the motion of Dr. Brown fell to the ground.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LII.
April, 1886.

On the Fourteenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-six, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, Principal Geddes, LL.D., in the chair.

After Prayer by the Rev. Professor Christie, D.D., the Minutes of last Meeting of the Council were approved.

The Principal did then, by authority of the Council, sign the Minutes of the Meeting of Council of 15th April, 1885, which had not been signed by Principal Pirie.

Deliverance by the University Court on the Representation anent a Universities' Bill.

There was read the following Deliverance by the University Court, dated 12th April, 1886, on the Representation made by the Council in October last on the subject of a Universities' (Scotland) Bill, viz. :—

"The Court having considered the Representation of the General Council of date 14th October, 1885, as to the three conditions which they recommend as essential to have recognised in any Universities' Bill, resolves to record its cordial approval of the objects the Council have in view, and desires to inform the Council that it is entirely in harmony with them on that subject, having in point of fact embodied in its Petition to the House of Commons a strong expression of its views in the same direction".

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee, with the addition of the Principal and P. J. Anderson, Esq., A.M., LL.B.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LIII.
Oct., 1886.

On the Thirteenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-six, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting of the Council were approved.

Motion by Professor Struthers.

Professor Struthers, M.D., moved—"That the Council respectfully represent to the University Court the importance of the Court using its influence—(1) To obtain from the Government without delay a special grant for the Extension of the Buildings of the University; and (2) To secure that the Universities' (Scotland) Bill, which the Government have announced their intention of introducing into Parliament in the approaching session, do not contain those parts of the Bill of 1885 (especially clauses 23 and 24, and the clauses relating to 'Transfer of Property') which implied, or rendered possible under the Bill, the termination of the connection of the Universities with the State".

This motion was seconded by the Rev. David Brown, D.D., and unanimously agreed to.

Committee on Universities' (Scotland) Bill is re-appointed.

On the motion of the Rev. David Brown, D.D., it was unanimously agreed to re-appoint the Committee on the Universities' (Scotland) Bill.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LIV.
April, 1887.

On the thirteenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-seven, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved

Deliverance by the University Court on the Representation anent a Universities' (Scotland) Bill.

There was read the following Deliverance by the University Court, dated 18th December, 1886, on the Representation made by the General Council in October last on the subject of a Universities' (Scotland) Bill, viz. :—

"The Court had under consideration the Representation made by the General Council of the University at its meeting on the 13th October last. Having in view the probable introduction forthwith by Government of a new Universities' (Scotland) Bill into Parliament, the Court desired to record its entire acquiescence in the foregoing Representation made by the Council in reference to the two matters therein brought forward, and directed that a reply to the above effect be sent to the General Council as the Deliverance of the Court on the subject."

An Address to the Queen on the Jubilee of her Reign.

On the motion of the Principal, it was unanimously resolved—"That the Council present a loyal and dutiful Address to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the approaching celebration of the Jubilee of her Reign".

A draft form of Address was submitted by the Principal, and was unanimously adopted.

Motion by Prof. Struthers.

Professor Struthers, M.D., then moved—"That the Committee on the Universities' (Scotland) Bill be re-appointed".

Professor Hay, M.D., moved as an amendment—"That a Committee be appointed to watch over legislation affecting the University".

The amendment was seconded by the Rev. James Gammack, LL.D., Aberdeen. After discussion, Professor Struthers craved leave to withdraw his motion, which permission having been granted, the amendment was unanimously approved and became the resolution of the Meeting.

A Committee appointed to watch over University legislation.

Thereupon the following Committee was appointed, viz. :—

The Principal; the Rev. David Brown, D.D.; the Rev. James Cooper, A.M.; the Rev. James Gammack, LL.D.; Professor Harrower; Professor Hay, M.D.; James Kerr, Esq., A.M.; John D. Milne, Esq., LL.D.; Professor Minto; James Moir, Esq., A.M.; Professor Nicholson, M.D.; Professor Niven; Wm. F. Ogg., Esq.; the Rev. Professor Pirie; Professor Ramsay; the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D.; Professor Struthers, M.D.—Dr. Struthers to be Convener.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LV.
October, 1887.

On the twelfth day of October, Eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Rev. Professor Christie, D.D., the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

The Queen graciously received the Address of the Council.

The Principal, referring to the Congratulatory Address agreed to at the Meeting of Council in April last, desired it should be recorded that the Queen was graciously pleased to receive the Address at Windsor on the 27th of June, and that, as the deputation was limited to two members, he had thought it his duty to associate with him Dr. Bain, the Lord Rector, who had consented to accompany him on the occasion.

The following was the letter of acknowledgment subsequently received from the Secretary of State for the Home Department, viz.:—

"WHITEHALL, *29th June, 1887.*

"SIR,—I am commanded by the Queen to thank you for the loyal and dutiful Address from the Aberdeen University, which you presented to Her Majesty at Windsor on the 27th instant.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
(Signed) "HENRY MATTHEWS.

"THE VICE-CHANCELLOR
"of Aberdeen University."

Committee to watch over University Legislation re-appointed with additions.

On the Motion of Professor Struthers, M.D., it was unanimously resolved that the Committee to watch over Legislation affecting the University be re-appointed, with a view to a report to next meeting of the Council, and that the following be added to the Committee, viz.:—P. J. Anderson, Esq., A.M., LL.B.; Patrick H. Chalmers, Esq., A.M.; Alexander Macgregor, Esq., M.D.; the Rev. Alexander Ogilvie, A.M., LL.D.; Wm. C. Spence, Esq., A.M.; David Stewart, Esq., A.M.; Alex. M. Williams, Esq., A.M.

Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

On the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Report of Committee on University Legislation.

Professor Struthers, M.D., LL.D., the Convener, submitted the Report of the Committee appointed at last Meeting "to watch over Legislation affecting the University, with a view to a Report to next meeting of Council".

The Report, having been printed, was held as read, and the Council then proceeded to consider its recommendations in detail, as under:—

(I.) Changes affecting the Powers of the General Council.

The Committee approved of the increased powers given to the Council, not only in the increased representation of the Council in the University Court, but in respect of the provisions under Section 8, Section 17 (2) and (3), Section 18 (2), Section 19 (2).

In view of the increased importance given to meetings of the General Council, the Committee also suggested that a quorum of the Council should be determined, and that for this University twenty-five might be the number.

These views as to the powers of the General Council were unanimously approved.

(II.) Constitution and Powers of the University Court.

Under this head the Report bore as follows:—

"The Committee recognise fully the magnitude of the changes implied in the proposed transference of the administration of the property and funds of the University from the Senatus Academicus to the University Court. In expressing their approval generally of the proposed transference, the Committee desire to guard themselves from being supposed to convey any reflection on the past administration of the property and funds of the University by the Senatus Academicus. Their approval of the proposed change is founded—*first*, on the consideration that the administration of the property and funds of the University belongs more naturally to the governing than to the teaching body, and becomes the more so in view of the fact that, by the financial

provisions of the Bill, a large and increased sum of money is to be handed over by the Government to be administered by the University itself; and, *secondly*, on the consideration that the members of the Senatus Academicus, freed from the cares of attending to the business of the University, will be enabled to give their undivided attention to their duties of teaching and of engaging in original research.

"Rev. Jas. Cooper dissented from this resolution."

Professor Struthers moved that the foregoing section of the Report be approved.

The Rev. Wm. S. Bruce, A.M., Banff, seconded the motion.

The Rev. James Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen, moved as an amendment: "That, without presuming to prejudice the question how far and in what departments the financial arrangements and University funds should be transferred to and vested in the Court, instead of the Senatus Academicus, this Council records its deliberate opinion that the change proposed is too great to be introduced without due inquiry, and that the subject should be intrusted to the Commission for such inquiry, with powers, that they may report to the Queen in Council".

The Rev. James Smith, B.D., Aberdeen, seconded this motion.

After discussion, on a show of hands being taken, the motion of Professor Struthers was carried by a large majority, and the above section of the Report was approved.

The Report further bore under this head :—

"In view of the increased duties to be laid on the University Court, the Committee recognise the necessity for a considerable increase in the number of its members and of some change in its constitution. Some members of the Committee take the view that the proposed increase in the number is too great, that business is more likely to be carefully conducted by a more limited number, and that in a large Court individual responsibility, especially in making appointments, is less apt to be felt. While accepting the principle of the Bill, that the number of the Assessors appointed by the General Council and by the Senatus Academicus should continue to be equal, it does not appear that anything is gained by multiplying the number so greatly, and, while approving of the representation of the Crown in the University Court, it does not appear what is gained by two Assessors being thus appointed, unless in

order to increase the number of the Court. Were the General Council and the Senatus Academicus to appoint three instead of the proposed four Assessors, each, the Crown, the Chancellor, and the Rector one Assessor each, these, together with the Rector, the Principal, and the Lord Provost of Aberdeen, would constitute a Court of twelve, which in the opinion of the majority of the Committee would be a more suitable one than the Court of fifteen proposed in the Bill. The Committee desire not to be understood as thereby expressing any opinion as to the most suitable number for the Courts of the larger Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow."

Professor Struthers moved that the foregoing section of the Report be approved.

The Rev. James Gammack, LL.D., Aberdeen, seconded this motion.

Wm. F. Ogg, Esq., Aberdeen, moved as an amendment "That the constitution of the University Court should be as provided in the Bill".

James Moir, Esq. A.M., Aberdeen, seconded this motion.

On a show of hands being taken, 20 voted for the amendment and 14 for the motion. The amendment was therefore carried, and became the resolution of the Meeting.

The Rev. James Robertson, A.M., Aberdeen, moved as an addendum to the Report under this head: "That, in the opinion of the Council, the Assessors representing the Council and the Senatus in the University Court (1) should be elected on the same principle, and (2) that that principle be the principle proposed for the election of the Assessors representing the Senatus".

This motion was seconded by Patrick Cooper, Jun., Esq., A.M., Aberdeen.

As an amendment on (1) of the above motion, it was proposed by the Rev. Wm. Fergusson, A.M., Ellon, that the election of Assessors should be as proposed in the Bill.

This motion was seconded by Alex. M. Williams, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen.

On a show of hands being taken, the first part of the motion, viz. (1), as above, was carried by a majority of 15 to 5.

The second part (2) of Mr. Robertson's motion was then approved without a division.

On the motion of the Rev. James Robertson, A.M., Aberdeen, it was unanimously agreed that it was desirable that the term "students' representative council," in section 5 (page 3, lines 39 and 41) of the Bill, should be defined.

(III.) Powers of the Commissioners.

The Committee reported under this head as follows:—

"While recognising the importance of provision being made for the increase of the teaching power in the case of classes which are too large to be taught satisfactorily by one professor, it appears to the Committee that these clauses of the Bill are too indefinite in regard to the method in which that object is proposed to be accomplished, as between additional professorships, intra-mural lectureships, teaching fellowships, extra-mural teaching, and affiliation of colleges. The professorial system of instruction has been the great characteristic of the Scottish Universities and of the Universities of the Continent, in contrast with that of the Universities of England. The Committee would greatly deprecate any change in that respect in the Universities of Scotland, which have hitherto been proud to be able to say that their system corresponds to that of the Universities of the Continent and to the historic University system, and that their system is the one which is the most useful to the nation. In accordance with the Scottish system, the reasonable method of providing for the teaching of classes which have become too large appears to the Committee to be by the appointment of additional or Junior Professors between whom and the ordinary professor the classes would be divided, and of such Assistants as might be required, appointed by the University from among the distinguished graduates, so that, by a well-regulated system, security may be given for the quality of the teaching. The affiliation of the University College of Dundee to St. Andrews University is a special and separate question, as likewise the question of the recognition to some extent by the Universities of the teaching in extra-mural schools of Medicine, which exist independently of the Universities for the instruction of candidates for the diplomas of the medical and surgical Corporations. These questions, it appears to the Committee, may be dealt with separately without involving an overturn of the whole University system of Scotland, while that system may be extended and rendered elastic in the manner above indicated so as to meet the demands of increased classes. It therefore appears to the Committee that the more judicious procedure would be to make it an instruction to the Commission in the first place to inquire and report in regard to the subject of affiliation of any colleges and in regard to the best method of extending the teaching power when required, and that it is premature and a prejudging of these questions to introduce such enactments in the Bill in con-

nection with the powers and constitution of the University Courts.

"Rev Dr. Salmond dissented from this resolution."

Professor Struthers moved "That the above section of the Committee's Report be approved".

The Rev. Wm. S. Bruce, A.M., Banff, seconded this motion.

The Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., moved as an amendment: "That, with respect to the powers of the Commissioners, Sub-sections (9) and (13) of Section 14 be approved of as they stand in the Bill".

This motion was seconded by the Rev. Wm. Fergusson, A.M., Ellon.

On a show of hands being taken, 12 voted for the motion and 12 for the amendment.

The Chairman thereupon gave a casting-vote for the motion, which was carried, and the foregoing section of the Report was therefore adopted.

(IV.) Patronage of Professorial Chairs.

Under this head, the Report bore as follows:—

"The Committee regret to find that the question of the method of appointing to all professorships in the Universities is not referred to the Commissioners. The Commissioners, under Section 14, Sub-section (2), are to have power 'To transfer the patronage of professorships now vested in private individuals or corporate or other bodies to the University Court,' and, under Sub-section (5), 'To regulate the time, place and manner of presenting and electing University officers,' &c. It is understood that the latter power is not intended to apply to the nomination to professorial chairs in the patronage of the Crown. These are stated by the Royal Commissioners on the Scottish Universities of 1878 to be 51 in number. This question is discussed in the Report of the Royal Commissioners (February 8th, 1878, pages 85 to 90), and a method recommended by which the claims of candidates would be sifted and reported on for the information of the Minister of the Crown. Without committing themselves to an opinion in regard to the best method of obtaining such a report, the Committee is strongly of opinion that the adoption of some such method as that recommended in the Report of the Royal Commissioners of 1878, adapted to the altered position of the Senatus Academicus and University Court under the Bill, would be of great importance to the promotion of the Higher Education and the advancement of learning

and science in the Universities. The Committee would therefore recommend that a clause be inserted in the Bill giving the Commissioners power to regulate the manner of nomination and appointment to professorships in the Universities, and to report to Her Majesty upon the mannner of nomination to professorships in the patronage of the Crown."

The Council unanimously approved the views embodied above, and adopted the above Section as expressive thereof.

(V.) Transfer of Property.

The Report bore that:—

"The Committee observe with regret that by Section 20 of the Bill, with relative Schedule, the buildings of the University will cease to be under the care of Her Majesty's Board of Works. That provision for the care of the buildings, adopted on the recommendation of the Commissioners under the Scottish Universities Act of 1858, has been found by experience to be essential for the up-keep of the buildings and for occasional improvements when these became necessary, the University not being in possession of funds sufficient for that purpose. It is felt that the passing into law of the Bill will fall with special hardness on Aberdeen University at a time when the University is in pressing need of assistance for extension of its buildings. Should the formal termination of this connection be reckoned unavoidable under the principle on which the Bill proceeds, it is hoped that the Government may, after the Bill has passed into law, see its way to make a grant to the University towards the extension of its buildings."

The Council unanimously approved of these views and adopted the above Section as expressive thereof.

(VI.) Finance.

Under this heading:—

"The Committee observe that (Section 27) the sum to be charged upon the Consolidated Fund for the purposes of the four Universities is left blank in the Bill. The sum inserted in the Bill of last year (House of Commons, 4th August, 1887) was £47,000, this sum to be in full discharge of all past and present claims of the four Universities, including for Edinburgh University the Botanic Garden and the Royal Observatory. This sum, it is believed, amounts to an increase of about £14,000 on the present provision for the above purposes. The Committee cannot look on this increase as adequate to provide for the various improvements indicated

under the powers of the Commissioners, or as nearly sufficient to enable the Commissioners to accomplish the improvements recommended ten years ago by the Royal Commissioners on the Scottish Universities (Report, February, 1878).

"The Committee would remark that the object for which this grant is made is a National one—that of the promotion of Higher Education and the advancement of learning and science in Scotland—and that its Universities have long stood high in the estimation of the Scottish Nation. The Committee, therefore, cannot look upon the application of public funds for these purposes but as just and desirable, and trust that Her Majesty's Government may be induced to make the proposed grant larger than that inserted in the Bill of 1887."

The Council unanimously approved and adopted the foregoing section.

Under this head, Robert Walker, Esq., A.M., University Librarian, directed the attention of the Council to the fact that the Bill contained no provision for the removal of the great disadvantage under which the Library of Aberdeen University has stood for the past half-century, compared with the Libraries of the other Universities, in respect of the meagre amount of the annual Grant paid out of the Consolidated Fund as Compensation for the loss of the Stationers' Hall privilege, which in former times the four Universities enjoyed on precisely similar terms, although since 1837 they have received of public money for the loss of the privilege, these annual sums respectively—Glasgow, £707, St. Andrews', £630, Edinburgh, £575, Aberdeen, £320. He therefore moved as an addendum to the Report, that, in Section 28 (1), after "Act;" there be inserted in the Bill those words following, viz.:—

"and that the four Universities shall in future receive equal amounts out of the annual sum charged on the Consolidated Fund in respect of their existing rights to Compensation under the Act 6 and 7, Wm. IV., cap. 110".

This motion was unanimously approved.

As recommended by the Committee, it was unanimously resolved that the Report, in the form above approved, be respectfully submitted as a Representation to the University Court on the Universities (Scotland) Bill now before Parliament.

Professor Struthers, as Convener of the Committee, was directed to transmit a copy of the Report, as approved by the Council, to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business Committee all who were members of last Business Committee, with the addition of the Rev. James Smith, A.M., B.D., Aberdeen, and the withdrawal, by his own request, of J. D. Milne, Esq., A.M., LL.D., Aberdeen.

The meeting closed *more solito* with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LVII. October, 1888.

On the tenth day of October, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-eight, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Rev. Professor Stewart, D.D., the Council proceeded to the Election of an Assessor for the ensuing four years under Ordinance No. 11.

Dr. J. F. White and Rev. James Smith, B.D., Newhills, are nominated for the Assessorship in the University Court.

The Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., proposed that John Forbes White, Esq., A.M., LL.D., be re-elected.

This motion was seconded by the Rev. James Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen.

James Moir, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen, proposed that the Rev. James Smith, A.M., B.D., Newhills, Aberdeen, be elected, which motion was seconded by Wm. L. Mackenzie, Esq., A.M., M.B., Aberdeen.

A Poll is demanded.

After debate, a show of hands was taken, when the President declared the meeting to be in favour of the election of Mr. Smith by a large majority. The Rev. Dr. Salmond thereupon demanded a poll.

The Minutes of last Meeting were then approved.

Deliverance by the University Court on the Representation anent Universities Bill.

There was read the following Deliverance by the University Court, dated 19th April, 1888, on the Representation made by the Council in April last on the subject of the Universities (Scotland) Bill now before Parliament, viz. :—

"The Court desired to minute that it had given full consideration to the various points referred to in the Representation when drawing up its Report on the Bill this day adopted, and had been pleased to find that the views of the Council were so largely in harmony with its own.

"The Court directed that an extract of the foregoing minute be sent to the Council as the Deliverance of the Court on the Council's Representation on the Bill."

Committee to watch over University Legislation is re-appointed.

On the motion of the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., it was unanimously agreed that the Committee appointed (April, 1887, and October, 1887) to watch over Legislation affecting the University be re-appointed—Dr. Struthers to be Convener.

Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business Committee all who were members of last Business Committee.

The Meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LVIII. April, 1889.

On the tenth day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-nine, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Intimation of the election of the Rev. James Smith, Newhills, as Assessor in the University Court.

There was read the following letter from the Registrar to the Clerk of the General Council, viz.:—

"UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
"1st November, 1888.

"I beg leave to intimate to you that to-day I summed up —in the manner prescribed by Ordinance No. 11 of the Scottish Universities' Commissioners—the votes which had been sent to me in the Poll demanded for an Assessor to represent the Council in the University Court; and that I found a majority of these votes to be in favour of the Rev. James Smith, B.D., Newhills, the numbers being for Mr. Smith 968, for Dr. White 727."

Report of Committee on University Legislation.

In the absence of Professor Struthers, M.D., who had resigned the Convenership and was unable to attend the meeting owing to the state of his health, the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., Interim Convener, gave in a verbal Report from the Committee appointed to watch over Legislation affecting the University.

Committee re-appointed.

After consideration, it was unanimously resolved "that the Council approves of the Report, renews its recommendations of date 11th April, 1888, and continues its Committee with instructions to bring the Council's views under the notice of Her Majesty's Ministers and to watch over Legislation affecting the University—the Rev. Dr. Salmond to be Convener".

Representation to the Court anent Degrees in Science.

On the motion of Professor Carnelley, seconded by Professor Trail, it was unanimously resolved—"That the Council respectfully represent to the University Court that it is desirable that the University of Aberdeen, without further delay, confer Degrees in Science".

Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business Committee all who were members of last Business Committee.

The Meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LIX. October, 1889.

On the ninth day of October, Eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair.

After prayer by the Rev. Professor Stewart, D.D., the Minutes of last Meeting were approved.

Deliverance by Univ. Court on Degrees in Science.

There was read the following Deliverance by the University Court on the Representation made by the General Council in April last on the subject of Degrees in Science, viz. :—

"At a Meeting of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen held on the 3rd May, 1889.

"*Inter alia*—

"There was read a Representation by the General Council, of date 10th April, 1889, in favour of the institution of Degrees in Science in the University, which was duly considered, along with a Report of Senatus of date 23rd Feb., 1889, recommending the same object.

"After discussion, the Court unanimously adopted the following resolution submitted by Dr. Webster, viz. :—

"'The University Court, so far as the question appears to be within its competency, approves of the institution by the University of Degrees in Science; but, inasmuch as the matter may be regarded as properly falling within the scope of the powers of the Senatus, it remits to the Senatus to take such action therein as the Senatus may think fit.

"'The Court has also had before it in considering the question a Representation from the University Council in favour of the institution by the University of Degrees in Science, in reply to which a favourable answer has been returned with a copy of this resolution, as the Deliverance of the Court.'"

Committee on University Legislation,

The Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., the Convener of the Committee appointed to watch over Legislation affecting the University, intimated that, in consequence of the Universities Bill having passed into law, it had not been deemed necessary to call the Committee together, and he had, therefore, no formal Report to submit.

is thanked,

It was unanimously resolved that the Committee be thanked for their services.

and re-appointed, with additions.

On the motion of Wm. L. Mackenzie, Esq., A.M., M.B., Aberdeen, it was unanimously resolved to re-appoint the Committee with instructions "to watch over the further course of University Legislation under the Commission,"— the Rev. Dr. Salmond to be Convener, and that the following be added to the Committee, viz. :—Jas. Mackenzie Booth, Esq., A.M., M.D.; Wm. L. Mackenzie, Esq., A.M., M.B.;

D. M. M. Milligan, Esq., A.M.; the Rev. James Smith, A.M., B.D. (St. George's-in-the-West); the Rev. Professor Stewart, D.D.

Copy of the Universities Act laid on table.

The Principal laid on the table a copy of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, which had received the Royal Assent, and would come into force on 1st January, 1890.

Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee, the name of Patrick Cooper, Esq., A.M., being removed by request on account of the state of his health, and Patrick Cooper, Junior, Esq., A.M., being added.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LIX. a.
27th Nov., 1889.

At Aberdeen, within the Hall of the University, on the Twenty-seventh day of November, 1889, at One o'clock, being the day and hour fixed by Regulation, dated 21st October, 1889, of the Scottish Universities Commissioners, under the powers conferred on them by Section 5 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met for the purpose of electing three additional Assessors for the Council in the University Court pursuant to the aforesaid Regulation and to public notice the Chancellor's Assessor in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Rev. James Smith, B.D., Newhills, the Council's Assessor in the University Court,

The Chairman read letters which had been received by the Clerk from the Chancellor and the Rector respectively, expressing regret on the part of each that he was unable to be present.

Mr. Alex. Edmond, Dr. Angus Fraser, and Dr. Wm. Dey are elected the three additional Assessors in the University Court.

Thereupon David Littlejohn, Esq., Aberdeen, proposed that Alexander Edmond, Esq., Aberdeen, be elected an Assessor for the Council in the University Court, which motion was seconded by the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., Aberdeen.

Robert J. Garden, Esq., M.D., Aberdeen, proposed that Angus Fraser, Esq., A.M., M.D., Aberdeen, be elected, which motion was seconded by the Rev. Wm. R. Bruce, A.M., Newmachar.

The Rev. Alex. Ogilvie, A.M., LL.D., Aberdeen, proposed that William Dey, Esq., A M., LL.D., Aberdeen, be elected, and this motion was seconded by Chas. B. Davidson, Esq., Aberdeen.

The Rev. James Simpson, A.M., Aberdeen, proposed that the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., be elected: but, at Dr. Salmond's special request, Mr. Simpson did not press this nomination, which, therefore, fell to the ground.

Whereupon, as only three persons had been brought forward for the three Assessorships, the Chairman declared that, under and in terms of the Regulations, the said three

above named, viz., Mr. Alexander Edmond, Dr. Angus Fraser, and Dr. William Dey were duly elected Assessors for the General Council in the University Court.

The Meeting was then dissolved with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) JOHN RAMSAY.

On the ninth day of April, Eighteen hundred and ninety, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair.

After prayer by the President, the Minutes of last two Meetings, held 9th October, 1889, and 27th November, 1889, respectively, were approved.

The Universities Commissioners have fixed the quorum of the General Council.

There was read the following signed and sealed Declaration from the Scottish Universities Commission, viz. :—

"At Edinburgh, the sixth day of January, 1890.

"Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

"Whereas by an Act passed in the 52nd and 53rd years of Her Majesty's Reign, Cap. 55 intituled 'An Act for the better Administration and Endowment of the Universities of Scotland' the Commissioners under the said Act are empowered (Section 8) to fix the quorum of the General Council in each University.

"The Commissioners hereby declare:

"That the quorum of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen shall be ten for every complete thousand or fraction of a thousand on the Register of Members of the General Council.

(Seal.) (Signed) A. S. KINNEAR,
Chairman."

Committee on University Legislation.

The Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., the Convener of the Committee appointed to watch over the further course of University Legislation under the Commission, gave in a verbal report.

Thereafter, Alexander Bain, Esq., LL.D., moved :—"That the Council appoint a Committee to investigate and report upon the changes desirable for increasing the efficiency of the University, in as far as the Universities Commission has the power to carry into effect such changes."

This motion was seconded by Wm. T. Fyfe, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen, and was unanimously adopted.

The Rev. James Simpson, A.M., Aberdeen, then moved that the Committee consist of the existing Committee on University Legislation, with additions.

Wm. L. Mackenzie, Esq., A.M., M.B., Aberdeen, moved that the existing Committee be discharged and that a new Committee be appointed.

This motion was seconded by Hugh F. Campbell, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen.

The motion of Mr. Simpson not having been seconded fell to the ground, and the motion of Mr. Mackenzie thereby became the unanimous resolution of the meeting.

A Committee appointed to investigate and report upon desirable changes.

Thereupon the following Committee was appointed, viz. :—Alexander Bain, Esq., LL.D.; Alex. T. G. Beveridge, Esq., A.M., M.B.; Jas. Mackenzie Booth, Esq., A.M., M.D.; Hugh F. Campbell, Esq., A.M.; Patrick Cooper, Jun., Esq., A.M.; Wm. Dey, Esq., LL.D.; Alex. Edmond, Esq.; Angus Fraser, Esq., A.M., M.D.; Wm. T. Fyfe, Esq., A.M.; J. Murray Garden, Esq., A.M.; Robert J. Garden, Esq., M.D.; John Gordon, Esq., M.D.; David Littlejohn, Esq.; Alex. MacGregor, Esq., M.D.; Wm. L. Mackenzie, Esq., A.M., M.B.; Alexander Mackie, Esq., A.M.; D. M. M. Milligan, Esq., A.M.; Jas. Moir, Esq., A.M.; the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, A.M., B.D.; the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D.; the Rev. Jas. Smith, A. M., B.D. (Newhills); the Rev. James Smith, A.M., B.D. (St. George's-in-the-West); William C. Spence, Esq., A.M.—Dr. Bain to be Convener.

Business-Committee.

It was unanimously resolved to appoint as a Business-Committee all who were members of last Business-Committee.

The meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

A REQUISITION, dated the 16th instant, having been submitted to me under Section 8 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, by a Quorum of Members of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen, for a Special Meeting of said Council to be convened for the despatch of business, and, in particular, for the purpose of considering a Report from the Committee appointed by the Council to investigate and report upon the changes desirable for increasing the efficiency of the University in so far as the Scottish Universities Commissioners have power to carry such changes into effect, and of passing such resolutions, and making such orders thereanent, as the said Council may deem expedient,

I hereby convene such SPECIAL MEETING of the GENERAL COUNCIL of the UNIVERSITY of ABERDEEN, to be held within Marischal College Buildings, in the University of Aberdeen, on Saturday, the 7th day of June, 1890, at One o'clock Afternoon.

(Signed) RICHMOND AND GORDON,
Chancellor.

May 20th, 1890.

Under and in terms of Section 8 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, pursuant to the foregoing Notice duly published, on the seventh day of June, 1890, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met within the Hall of the University, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting held 9th April, 1890, were approved.

The Principal explains his position as Chairman.

The Principal, in accordance with usage under his predecessors, desired it to be entered on the Minute that, in presiding as *ex officio* Chairman at the present and similar meetings, he was not to be held as thereby approving of the resolutions that may be passed by the Council.

A Draft Ordinance anent Patronage of certain Chairs in University of St. Andrews.

There was laid on the table from the Secretary of the Scottish Universities Commission, a letter of date 27th May, 1890, enclosing, in terms of Section 19, Subsection (2) of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, a copy of a Draft Ordinance relating to the Patronage of the Professorships of Humanity, Civil and Natural History and Chemistry in the University of St. Andrews.

Report by the Committee on changes desirable in the University.

Thereupon Alexander Bain, Esq,, LL.D., Convener of the Committee appointed at last meeting to "investigate and report upon the changes desirable for increasing the efficiency of the University, in as far as the Universities Commission has the power to carry into effect such changes," gave in the Committee's Report.

Having been printed, the Report was held as read, and

the Council proceeded to consider its recommendations in detail, as under.

The Council unanimously approved of the following section, viz. :—

"The Committee, considering that it lay within the Council's remit to deal with questions belonging to the several Faculties, resolved that, as regarded Medicine and Law, sub-committees should be appointed to prepare reports in the first instance, while the questions relating to Arts should be dealt with at once by the Committee itself. With reference to the Faculty of Theology, it was considered that the only matter for debate, viz.,—tests in the Theological Chairs, was already anticipated by the action of the Commission.

FACULTY OF ARTS.

"The Committee agreed to deal first with the new teaching that seemed requisite in this Faculty, and next with the options proper to be introduced into the curriculum.

"As to the new teaching it was unanimously resolved that the first requirement was a Chair of English Language and Literature. It was also resolved to recommend, as next in importance, the institution of a Chair of, or other suitable provision for instruction in, Modern Languages. The Committee was farther of opinion that Chairs of History and of Education were likewise desirable.

"The Committee had not proceeded far in dealing with the question of Options when the topic of Entrance Examinations came to the foreground. It may, therefore, be convenient to present at once the resolutions come to on that topic. These were—(1) That while the present Bursary Competition secures a high level of attainment in the majority of Entrants, it is desirable to fix a minimum standard for entrance to the University. Accordingly, it was resolved to recommend that an Examination should be instituted as a preliminary condition of entering on the course of study for a Degree. (2) That the Bursary Competition should be utilised as such an Examination, and (3) That the University Court should be empowered to appoint two or more outside Examiners to co-operate with the Professorial Board in conducting the Competition.

"It was the opinion of the Committee that this was not the proper stage to discuss the particulars suitable for the proposed Entrance Examination, and that the Commission should, and probably would, leave the settlement of those matters in the hands of the University authorities."

On consideration of the next paragraph of the Report, viz. :—

"A motion by Mr. Moir to the effect that the Leaving Certificate of the Scottish Education Department should be accepted as an equivalent to an Entrance Examination, did not obtain the concurrence of the meeting."

It was moved by James Moir, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen, seconded by the Rev. James Robertson, A.M., Aberdeen, and, after discussion, unanimously resolved to substitute for the above the words following, viz. :—

"That the Leaving Certificate of the Scottish Education Department should be accepted as an equivalent to an Entrance Examination to the University, the Senatus being left free to make representation to the University Court in the event of the Leaving Certificate seeming to them to fall below a proper standard."

The Council then considered the section following, viz. :—

Options in the Arts Curriculum.

"After discussion, the Committee resolved to recommend, as imperative for the M.A. Degree, the following subjects :— 1. English; 2. Latin; 3. Greek, or French, or German; 4. Junior Mathematics; 5. Natural Philosophy; 6. Logic; 7. Moral Philosophy; 8. Natural History or Chemistry.

"The Committee farther resolved that, in addition to the imperative subjects specified, three at least of the following branches should be selected; provided that such of them (1), (2), (3), (13), (14), and (15), as may have been taken, wholly or partially, as an imperative subject may not be taken as an optional subject: — 1. Greek; 2. French; 3. German; 4. Hebrew; 5. Senior English; 6. Senior Latin; 7. Senior Greek; 8. Senior French; 9. Senior German; 10. Senior Mathematics; 11. Senior Natural Philosophy; 12. Physiology; 13. Zoology and Geology; 14. Zoology and Botany; 15. Chemistry; 16. History; 17. Education; 18. Civil Law; 19. Political Economy."

Wm. T. Fyfe, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen, moved that the foregoing paragraph be adopted.

Wm. L. Mackenzie, Esq., A.M., M.B., Aberdeen, seconded this motion.

The Rev. Alex. Ogilvie, LL.D., Aberdeen, moved that the subject of the Arts Curriculum be remitted to the Committee for reconsideration.

John F. White, Fsq., LL.D., Dundee, seconded this motion.

On a show of hands, the Chairman declared that 34 voted for the motion of Mr. Fyfe, and 13 for that of Dr. Ogilvie.

The foregoing section of the Report was, therefore, adopted by the Council.

The next paragraph was then unanimously adopted, viz. :—

"It was farther resolved to recommend that, with a view to encourage Higher Education on special lines, advanced courses in subjects already studied in a University class may be taken by candidates for a Degree with Honours, instead of any of the optional classes specified in the foregoing list."

On consideration of the next paragraph, viz. :—

"The Committee, by a majority, resolved that, in presence of the new conditions of the University, it is expedient to institute a Summer Session in Arts as in Medicine, and so to allow Graduation after three Winter and three Summer Sessions."

Wm. C. Spence, Esq., A.M., Aberdeen, moved that the above clause be adopted.

James Johnston, Esq., M.B., Belhelvie, seconded this motion.

Alexander Bain, Esq., LL.D., moved to insert after "expedient" the words, "while retaining the present curriculum of four Winter Sessions as the normal curriculum".

The Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., seconded this motion.

On a show of hands, the Chairman declared that there were 21 for the motion of Dr. Bain, and 15 for that of Mr. Spence.

It was, therefore, resolved that the above paragraph be altered to the following, viz. :—

"The Committee, by a majority, resolved that, in presence of the new conditions of the University, it is expedient, while retaining the present curriculum of four Winter Sessions as the normal curriculum, to institute a Summer Session in Arts as in Medicine, and so to allow Graduation after three Winter and three Summer Sessions."

The next clause of the Report, viz. :—

"The Committee resolved to recommend that in accordance with the terms of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, women be admitted to Graduation in all Faculties, and that suitable provision be made for their instruction :"

was adopted unanimously, a motion by the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, A.M., B.D., Aberdeen, that it be struck out, not having been seconded.

The remainder of the Report which embodied the Reports of the Sub-Committees on the Faculties of Medicine and Law respectively, was in the terms following, and was unanimously adopted :—

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

The Medical Sub-Committee reports as follows :—

I.—*Medical Preliminary Examination.* From information furnished by the Dean of the Medical Faculty and from consideration of typical examination papers, the Committee concludes, *first*, that the nature of the present examining body is not compatible with thoroughness in the examination; *second*, that the practice of permitting attendance on qualifying classes before the passing of the whole Preliminary Examination is thoroughly inexpedient and mischievous; *third*, that the examination papers are no sufficient test of proficiency in the subjects prescribed.

The Committee therefore recommends:

First. That the standard of Examination be raised.

Second. That Students be not permitted to attend qualifying classes until they have passed all subjects of the Preliminary Examination. This will involve a change in the relative date of the examination.

Third. That the Professors of the Medical Faculty do not conduct or assist in conducting the Medical Preliminary Examination.

Fourth. That among the preliminary conditions of the M.D. degree, an examination in Greek be no longer compulsory.

II.—*The Medical Curriculum and Professional Examinations.* The Committee finds, *first*, that the medical curriculum is over-burdened, chiefly by reason of haphazard additions to the curriculum without regard to proportion of subjects; *second*, that, as a consequence, the lecture method of communicating knowledge has been developed out of all proportion and largely to the detriment of practical education; *third*, that the amount of practical work, compulsory or voluntary, is not a fair proportion of a professional curriculum.

The Committee, therefore, recommends:

First. That in accordance with the recommendation of the General Medical Council, the medical curriculum be extended to five years.

Second. That the first year of the five include a course of Physics, which shall be compulsory for graduation.

Third. That the fifth year of the five be devoted to clinical and practical work and shall not involve compulsory attendance on University or other systematic lectures. Clinical and practical are here taken to mean Hospital and Dispensary attendance or pupilage to a registered practitioner.

Fourth. That for the better correlation of subjects and to prevent overlapping in the various lecture-courses, the Dean of the Medical Faculty be required from Session to Session to lay before the University Court a full syllabus of all lecture courses given within the University, of all extra-mural classes recognised by the University, and of all non-University classes necessary for graduation.

Fifth. That in accordance with the recommendation of the General Medical Council, the number of systematic lectures in the curriculum be reduced.

Sixth. That for the better sequence of subjects in the curriculum and the better apportionment of examinations, the programme of changes already approved by the Senatus and University Court, be adopted, with the modifications required by the Five Years' curriculum.

Seventh. That those Clinical Teachers whose lectures are compulsory for graduation, shall, like the Professors of the Medical Faculty, be *ex officio* Examiners for Degrees in Medicine.

Eighth. That the number of Assessors to Examiners be increased to one for each subject.

Ninth. That all oral examinations be conducted in public.

III.—*Finance.* The Committee recommends:

First. That after two Winter Sessions and one Summer Session of Practical Anatomy, every Student shall receive, without payment of further fee, a Perpetual Ticket, which shall entitle him to Dissecting-room attendance in perpetuity.

Second. That all Class and Laboratory Fees be paid into a common fund.

Third. That the Professors of the Medical Faculty be paid by salary.

Fourth. That inquiry be made into the conditions of the Wilson Bequest with a view to using the funds of the Bequest to found a Medical Fellowship or Lectureship.

Fifth. That the class of Medical Logic be abolished, and that the funds thereby set free be devoted to some practical purpose within the medical curriculum.

ROBERT JOHN GARDEN, M.D., C.M., *Convener.*
W. LESLIE MACKENZIE, M.B., C.M., *Secretary.*

FACULTY OF LAW.

Report by the Law Sub-Committee.

The Faculty of Law should be enlarged as means permit, so as to supply a full course of instruction in the Science of Law, and so allow of Degrees being granted to which every man claiming to belong to the profession might reasonably aspire.

The object of the Curriculum represented by the Degree should be to prepare the Graduate thoroughly for the exercise of his profession, no matter which branch he means to follow.

For this end, there ought to be both systematic and special treatment. While the systematic treatment ought to be in the hands of Professors, the special might be in the hands of Lecturers, to be appointed by the University Court for such terms as it might determine.

In order to perfect instruction, there would require to be Chairs or Lectureships for the following subjects :—

1. Civil or Roman Law.
2. Public Law (covering Jurisprudence and private, not public, International Law).
3. Scots Law.
4. Conveyancing.
5. History.
6. Constitutional Law.
7. Medical Jurisprudence.
8. Commercial (including Maritime) Law.
9. Court Procedure (Civil and Criminal) and the Law of Evidence.

At present there are in the Faculty of Law in the University two Chairs; the one of "Law," under which is embraced the teaching of Scots Law and Conveyancing, a course of 80 lectures on each being delivered by the Professor in alternate winter sessions; the other of Medical Jurisprudence.

In order to complete the Faculty of Law and allow of the institution of the LL.B. Degree, it should be enlarged as means permit, so as to provide for the teaching of the subjects above enumerated.

But until this can be done, the present Professor of Law ought to be relieved of the duty of lecturing on Conveyancing, and be obliged instead to deliver a course of lectures on Roman or Civil Law alternately with a course on the Law of Scotland.

A new Chair or Lectureship of Conveyancing should be founded, and the occupant of the Chair of Medical Juris-

prudence should be obliged to deliver a course of lectures specially applicable to Law Students.

The Degree of B.L. could then and ought to be at once instituted on lines similar to those at present applicable to that Degree in the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh.

DAVID LITTLEJOHN, *Convener.*
DAVID M. M. MILLIGAN, *Secretary.*

A Representation to the Univ. Court in terms of foregoing Report.

On the motion of Dr. Bain it was unanimously resolved that the Committee's Report, as above adopted, be forthwith submitted as a respectful Representation to the University Court.

Committee continued with additions.

It was also unanimously resolved that the Committee be continued, with a view to consider and report to the meeting in October any matters that may arise under the terms of the remit and that the following be added to the Committee, viz. :—P. J. Anderson, Esq., A.M., LL.B., Aberdeen; the Rev. Alexander Ogilvie, LL.D., Aberdeen; Joseph Ogilvie, Esq., LL.D., Aberdeen; and the Rev. James Robertson, A.M., Aberdeen.

The meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXI.
15th Oct., 1890.

On the fifteenth day of October, Eighteen hundred and ninety, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 7th June, 1890, were approved.

Deliverance by Univ. Court on Representation anent desirable changes in the University.

There was read the following Deliverance by the University Court on the Representation made by the General Council on 7th June last on the subject of changes desirable in the University.

"At a Meeting of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen, held on the 4th Sept., 1890.

Inter alia—

"Mr. Smith brought forward the following motion of which he had given notice at last meeting of the Court, viz. :—

"'The Court, having considered the Representation of the General Council of the University, dated 7th June last, resolves to transmit to the Council, in answer to said Representation, copies of the following documents prepared by the Court and transmitted to the Universities Commission, viz. :—

"'(1) Draft Ordinance on the Law Curriculum, dated 28th June, 1890.

"'(2) A Representation on the Arts Curriculum, dated 17th July, 1890.

"'(3) Draft Ordinance on the Regulations for Degrees in Medicine, dated 29th July, 1890.'

"Dr. Fraser seconded this motion which was unanimously agreed to and adopted as the Deliverance of the Court on the Council's Representation of date the 7th June last."

A copy of each of the three documents named above being in the hands of members of Council, the documents were held as read.

The Universities Commission have issued Regulations anent Retirement of Assessors.

There was then read a letter, dated 4th July, 1890, from the Secretary of the Scottish Universities Commission to the Clerk of Council, enclosing copies of the Regulations as to the Retirement of Assessors in the four Universities made by the Commissioners in terms of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

By these Regulations it is provided, *inter alia*, that—

"3. With regard to the University of Aberdeen,—

"The Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D., the Assessor of the General Council in office at the passing of the said Act, and Angus Fraser, Esq., M.A., M.D., one of the additional Assessors elected by the General Council under the said Act, shall continue in office until the 27th day of November, 1891.

"William Dey, Esq., M.A., LL.D., and Alexander Edmond, Esq., Advocate in Aberdeen, two of the additional Assessors

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elected by the General Council under the said Act, shall continue in office until the 27th day of November, 1893."

Five Draft Ordinances submitted by the Commission.

There were then laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under date 31st July, 1890, five letters enclosing, in terms of Section 19, Sub-section (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of each of the following Draft Ordinances, respectively, viz.:—

(1) Glasgow and Aberdeen, No. 1—Election of Rectors.

(2) General, No. 1—Power to make Payments and Investments.

(3) General, No. 2—Limitation of Time for Appeals and Representations.

(4) General, No. 3—Use of Common Seal.

(5) General, No. 4—Libraries, Museums, and Laboratories.

It was stated in each of the foregoing letters that "the period of three months (as provided by Section 19, Sub-section (3) of the Act) during which objections respecting such Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commissioners in writing, expires on 31st December next".

Committee on changes desirable under the Commission is continued,

Alexander Bain, Esq., LL.D., Convener of the Committee on "changes desirable for increasing the efficiency of the University in as far as the Universities Commission has the power to carry into effect such changes" then moved:—"That the Committee already appointed on University changes be continued, for the purposes formerly specified, and, in particular, with the more express object of considering Draft Ordinances of the Commission, in terms of Section 19, Sub-sections (2) and (3) of the Universities Act, 1889—the Committee to report to a meeting of the Council".

and the above Draft Ordinances are to be reported on by it.

This motion was unanimously adopted, as was also the following rider to it, brought forward likewise by Dr. Bain, viz.:—

"That the Draft Ordinances of the Commission which have this day been laid before the Council, be referred to the Committee now appointed, and that the Committee report on these at an adjourned meeting of Council, the date of which this meeting will fix prior to adjournment".

Business Committee to report on mode of calling meetings.

Patrick Cooper, Jun., Esq., A.M., then moved:—"That the Council remit to the Business Committee to consider and report on the mode of calling meetings of Council".

This motion was seconded by P. J. Anderson, Esq., A.M., LL.B., and was unanimously adopted.

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Hugh F. Campbell, Esq., A.M., then gave in notice of the following motion for next meeting of Council, viz. :—

Notice of motion by Mr. H. F. Campbell.

"That a Committee be appointed at this meeting to investigate and report on such changes for increasing the efficiency and usefulness of the University as may be effected by the University itself without the intervention of the Commission".

Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business Committee all who were members of last Business Committee.

Meeting is adjourned to 13th December, ensuing.

Thereupon, on the motion of Dr. Bain, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz. :—

"The Council adjourn the present meeting to Saturday, the 13th day of December next, at 1 p.m.—said adjournment to be without prejudice to the holding of a special meeting, or meetings, if occasion requires".

The meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXIa.

13th Dec., 1890.

On the thirteenth day of December, Eighteen hundred and ninety, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, by adjournment from the statutory half-yearly meeting, held 15th October, 1890, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Rev. Professor Stewart, D.D.,

A *caveat* by the Principal on the question of a quorum.

The Principal, having intimated to the meeting that he found there were only 21 members present, requested leave of the Council, on his own behalf and that of those who might adhere to him, to record a protest that under the proceedings of the adjourned meeting now held, the question as to the necessity of a quorum being requisite at such non-statutory meeting, be considered reserved, so that the present meeting may not be assumed as a precedent, until an authoritative decision on the legal point has been obtained.

The meeting granted the request of the Principal and allowed the foregoing *caveat* to be recorded.

The Minutes of last meeting, held 15th October, 1890, were then approved.

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A Report on Five Draft Ordinances by the Committee on University changes desirable under the Commission.

Alexander Bain, Esq., LL.D., Convener of the Committee on University changes desirable under the Commission, then gave in the following report, viz. :—

"The Committee, having considered the following Draft Ordinances issued by the Commissioners on the 31st of July last, viz. :—(1) Glasgow and Aberdeen, No. 1.—Election of Rectors; (2) General, No. 1.—Power to make Payments and Investments; (3) General, No. 2.—Limitation of time for Appeals and Representations; (4) General, No. 3.—Use of Common Seal, and (5) General, No. 4.—Libraries, Museums, and Laboratories, Find that by the Draft Ordinance with respect to the Election of Rectors, the Commissioners propose to exercise their statutory power of ordaining 'that in the Election of the Rectors of the Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen, the Election shall be determined by the majority of the votes of all the students voting whenever the votes of the nations shall be equally divided'; and that by the Draft Ordinances with respect to Power to make Payments and Investments, Limitation of Time for Appeals and Representations, and Use of Common Seal, it is proposed to regulate the procedure and business arrangements of the University Court. With regard to these Draft Ordinances the Committee are of opinion, and recommend that the Council should take no action.

"The Committee further find that by the Draft Ordinance on Libraries, Museums and Laboratories, it is proposed that a Committee of nine, elected annually, and consisting of three persons, not being members of the Senatus Academicus, elected by the University Court, and of six members of the Senatus elected by that body, should 'be charged with the immediate superintendence of the University Library, and of all Museums and Laboratories belonging to the University, and of the contents thereof, and of any libraries, collections, furniture, or apparatus, or objects acquired, or to be acquired, for the use of the University, or of any class therein.'. The Committee are of opinion that—

"(1) In each University there should be two distinct Committees charged with the immediate superintendence, the one of the Libraries, the other of the Museums and Laboratories, and that each such Committee should consist of *nine* members, of whom, in terms of the Statute, three should be elected by the University Court and six by the Senatus :

"(2) In the event of the Commissioners adhering to their proposal to have only one Committee, the minimum membership of such Committee should be *twelve :* and,

"(3) In any event it is inexpedient and does not appear

to be warranted by the Statute that, in any such Committee, the members elected by the Senatus Academicus should necessarily be restricted to the membership of that body. 13th Dec., 1890.

"The Committee therefore recommend that a Statement of Objections and Amendments to the last mentioned Ordinance, prepared by the Convener (the draft of which is annexed hereto), should be submitted by the General Council for the consideration of the Commissioners, in terms of section 19, sub-section (3) of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

"A. BAIN, *Convener.*"

Draft Statement of Objections and Amendments as to Draft Ordinance, General, No. 4 (Libraries, Museums, and Laboratories), referred to in the foregoing Minute and Report:—

"The General Council of the University of Aberdeen, in the exercise of the power conferred by the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, § 19 (3), has had under its consideration the Draft Ordinance of the Commissioners, General, No. 4 (Libraries, Museums, and Laboratories), and desires to submit the following amendments on the said Ordinance:—

"First—That in each University there should be two distinct Committees; the one to take charge of the Libraries, the other the Museums and Laboratories, and that each Committee should consist of the number of members given in the Ordinance for the single Committee. The reasons for this alteration are as follows:—

"1. The vast importance, as well as the difficulty, of exercising a proper control over the two departments, as thus chalked out, renders it desirable that a distinct Committee should be devoted to each. The duty of selecting suitable works for the General Library, and the regulation of the details of management—which, in Aberdeen, is complicated by the division into two Libraries, located in the distinct buildings of the two Colleges—is sufficiently onerous to be kept apart from any other management. The mention of Class Libraries in the Statute, now for the first time brought under a Committee of the University, requires the Council to inform the Commissioners that in Aberdeen these are of considerable extent—there being, for Arts and Divinity, six in all.

"A similar strain of remark is applicable to the department of Laboratories and Museums. In these also there is a large annual demand for grants by the different Professors engaged in experimental teaching; while the adjudication of those demands, and the preservation of the accumulated

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property resulting from the expenditure, are not too much for the devotion of a separate Committee.

"2. The difference of qualification for the management of the two departments would also render it desirable that different persons should be selected for each.

"Should the Commissioners not see fit to accede to the suggestion of two Committees, the Council would recommend that the number of the single Committee should be increased from nine to twelve, the same proportion being observed in the numbers appointed by the Senatus and the Court respectively.

"The reasons for this alteration are substantially those adduced for the division in the management into two Committees. The enlarged number would render it possible to make a division into two sub-Committees to perform the separate functions above shown to be of unlike character.

"Second—The Council deems it inexpedient to add to the terms of the Statute the condition that the members elected by the Senatus Academicus should be restricted to its own body. It is obvious that the Senatus will, as a matter of course, be disposed to confine the selection to themselves; while occasions may arise for adopting some one outside the body, which would only be done for some sufficient reason, and in the interest of the University. The Council has no fear that such a power would be abused."

A Representation thereanent to the Commission.

On the motion of Dr. Bain, seconded by Patrick Cooper, Jun., Esq., A.M., the foregoing Report and Statement were unanimously approved and adopted, and the latter was directed to be forthwith respectfully submitted to the Scottish Universities Commissioners, under and in terms of Section 19, Sub-section (3) of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

It was also unanimously resolved that copies be communicated to the University Court and Senatus for the information of these bodies.

Meeting is adjourned to 7th March, 1891.

Thereupon, on the motion of Dr. Bain, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to, viz.:—

"That, in the expectation of further Draft Ordinances from the Universities Commission, or other matters arising with reference thereto, the Council now adjourn to meet on Saturday, the 7th March, at 1 p.m.".

The meeting then closed with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXIb.
7th March, 1891.

On the seventh day of March, Eighteen hundred and ninety-one, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, by adjournment from the meeting held 13th December, 1890, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Principal, the Minutes of last meeting, held 13th December, 1890, were approved.

A Report on two Draft Ordinances by the Committee on University changes.

Alexander Bain, Esq., LL.D., Convener of the Committee on University changes desirable under the Commission, then gave in from a meeting of the Committee, held 3rd March, 1891, the following minute and report, viz.:—

"The Committee, having considered a Draft Ordinance prepared by the Commissioners, [General, No. 5.—General Council,] Find that it is thereby proposed to make provision for (1) the preparation of the Register of Members of Council, (2) the appointment and votes of Chairmen at meetings of Council, (3) the election of Chancellors and Assessors, and (4) the remuneration and expenses of Registrars. The Committee are of opinion that this Draft Ordinance requires amendment in certain respects, the particulars of which are set forth in the annexed Draft Statement, which they recommend the Council to submit for the consideration of the Commissioners, in terms of the statute.

"The Committee, having also considered another Draft Ordinance, [General, No. 6.—Assessors of General Council,] Find that it is thereby proposed to make provision with respect to the election of Assessors of the General Council in each University, in room of the Assessors now in office. With regard to this Draft Ordinance, the Committee are of opinion and recommend that the Council should take no action.

(Signed) "A. BAIN, *Convener.*"

A Statement of Amendments on one of these

After full discussion, the Council, on the motion of Dr. Bain, seconded by P. J. Anderson, Esq., A.M., LL.B., unanimously approved of the foregoing Report of the Committee, and adopted the following revised Statement of Amendments.

Statement of Amendments to Draft Ordinance, General, No. 5 (General Council).

"The General Council of the University of Aberdeen, in pursuance of the provisions of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, § 19 (3), respectfully submit to the Scottish Universities Commissioners the following proposed Amendments on the above Draft Ordinance, General, No. 5.—General Council, prepared by the Commissioners, viz.:—

"*First:* Proposed to amend § I. (2), by providing that the

7th March, 1891. whole month of December in each year shall be allowed for the preparation, completion and revision of the Register of Members of General Council, so that the same may be ready for authentication, and be authenticated on or before the 31st day of December in the same year.

"It is thought that the extended period to be allowed for the completion of the Register might be insufficient, and there appears to be no expediency in specifying separate periods for completion and revision respectively.

"*Second:* Proposed to amend § II. (1), lines 3 and 4, by omitting the words 'who appears from the Register to reside within the United Kingdom or the Channel Islands'; and to amend § II. (2), line 2, by omitting the words 'who appears as aforesaid'.

"It is not proposed to extend the right of voting to Members of Council who may be resident outwith the United Kingdom, but it is thought that the Register should be as complete and correct with regard to those who may be abroad as to those at home.

"*Third:* Proposed to amend § VI. (1), line 2, by inserting, after the word 'days,' the words 'and not more than days'.

"*Fourth:* Proposed to amend § XI., by adding a provision for payment of the expenses necessarily incurred by the Registrars in connection with the elections of Chancellors and Assessors, in preparing and issuing the voting papers, and in taking the poll, together with a reasonable remuneration for the Registrars' trouble in respect thereof.

"The Universities Elections Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1881, § 2 (18), provides for payment of the Registrar's expenses in connection with Parliamentary elections, but there appears to be no statutory or other authority enabling the Registrar to get payment of his expenses in connection with elections of Chancellors and Assessors. The trouble and outlay in connection with such elections are very considerable, and the expense should be provided for by Ordinance.

"*Fifth:* Proposed to amend the Representation of the People (Scotland) Act, 1868, Schedule F, by

(1) "Omitting the column headed 'Number in last Register,' and relative footnote.

(2) "Omitting from footnote ‡ the words 'This will be the only reference in the first register under the Act. In subsequent years it will occur only when the member's name has not been in the previous year's register.'

"For purposes of identification, the number in the

previous year's register gives little or no assistance, while the number in the registration-book is alone referred to." **7th March, 1891.**

The Council directed that the above Statement of Amendments be forthwith respectfully submitted to the Scottish Universities Commissioners, under and in terms of Section 19, Sub-section (3) of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889. **is forwarded to the Commission.**

It was also unanimously resolved that copies be communicated to the University Court and the Senatus for the information of these bodies.

The meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXII.

On the fifteenth day of April, Eighteen hundred and ninety-one, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair. **15th April, 1891.**

After Prayer by the Rev. David Brown, D.D., the Minutes of last meeting, held 7th March, 1891, were approved.

The following Report from a meeting of the Business Committee, held 6th April, 1891, Dr. Bain in the chair, upon the mode of calling Meetings of Council, having been printed, was held as read, viz. :— **Report on mode of calling meetings of the Council.**

"ABERDEEN, *6th April*, 1891.

"The Business Committee, having considered the subject of the remit by the Council on the mode of calling meetings, finds that—

"1. It has been the practice to insert once in each of the two leading local newspapers, (1) three weeks, or thereby, before each statutory half-yearly meeting a notice of the day and hour thereof, with intimation that any business to be brought forward must be communicated to the Clerk before a certain day, namely, the Monday of the week previous to the meeting, and (2) on the day following (*i.e.*, the Tuesday in the week prior to the meeting) a programme of business to be brought before such meeting; but, except on two or three recent occasions, no other notices than these have hitherto been given by advertisement, and no such notice has at any time been given by circular.

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"2. Draft Minutes of previous meetings, Reports of Committees, and other important papers coming before the Council, on which discussion may be expected, are printed and distributed among members at the commencement of business; but, owing to the length of such papers, it frequently happens that members are unable to become sufficiently acquainted with their contents before the discussion.

"3. Meetings of the Glasgow University Council are advertised once in each of three newspapers in Glasgow and Edinburgh; but, in addition, there is posted to each Member of Council within the United Kingdom a print containing a notice calling the meeting and a note of the heads of business, together with the Draft Minute of the previous meeting, the Business Committee's Report, and Notices of Motion.

"4. Until recently, the practice of the Edinburgh University Council was to insert twice in each of two newspapers an advertisement of the day, hour and place of meeting, with a request that Notices of Motion should be lodged on or before a stated day, and thrice in each of such newspapers a more extended advertisement, stating the day, hour and place of meeting, and the programme of business, including Notices of Motion in full. Last year this method was superseded by one similar to that in use in Glasgow University—each meeting being advertised twice in the leading daily newspapers, and notices and prints being posted to those members only who reside in Scotland.

"The Business Committee is of opinion that it is desirable, and, in order to increase the interest of the Members of Council in its proceedings, it is necessary that the meetings and the business to be brought before them should be made known more widely than at present. The Committee, therefore, recommends the Council to adopt a method similar to that in use in the University of Edinburgh, with this qualification, that notices and printed papers should be posted only to those Members of Council who reside within the Counties of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine, and such other Members as may intimate to the Clerk their desire to be furnished with such notices and printed papers.

(Signed) "A. BAIN, *Convener.*"

On the motion of Patrick Cooper, Jun., A.M., seconded by P. J. Anderson, A.M., LL.B., the foregoing report was unanimously approved and adopted.

It was then moved by Patrick Cooper, Jun., A.M., and seconded by the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, A.M., B.D., Aberdeen, that Clause I. of certain Standing Orders submitted by the Business Committee be also approved.

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It was moved by Hugh F. Campbell, A.M., that the words "Northern Daily News" be inserted in said Clause before "Aberdeen Journal" in the list of names of papers in which notices of meetings shall be advertised.

It was moved by P. J. Anderson, A.M., LL.B., and seconded by the Rev. James Smith, A.M., B.D., Aberdeen—

Business Committee to draft Standing Orders.

"That it be remitted to the Business Committee to draft Standing Orders to regulate the conduct of business in the General Council, and to report to the next meeting of Council, whether adjourned or otherwise".

After discussion, Mr. Cooper, with consent of his seconder, withdrew his motion in favour of that of Mr. Anderson, which thereupon became the resolution of the meeting, the motion of Mr. Campbell, not having been seconded, falling to the ground.

Motion of Mr. H. F. Campbell anent University changes.

Wm. L. Mackenzie, A.M., M.B., Aberdeen, on behalf of Mr. Hugh F. Campbell, who had left the meeting, then brought forward the following motion, of which Mr. Campbell had given notice at the last statutory half-yearly meeting in October, 1890, viz.:—

"That a Committee be appointed at this meeting to investigate and report on such changes for increasing the efficiency and usefulness of the University as may be effected by the University itself without the intervention of the Commission".

Alex. T. G. Beveridge, A.M., M.B., Aberdeen, seconded this motion.

The Rev. James Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen, moved that the above motion be not adopted, and that no such committee as that proposed therein be appointed.

The Rev. Wm. S. Bruce, A.M., Banff, seconded this motion.

After discussion, Mr. Wm. L. Mackenzie, with consent of his seconder, agreed not to press his motion in view of a suggestion by the Rev. Gordon J. Murray that the views of the Council generally might be met by a rider to the motion coming next on the card of business before the present meeting.

This was unanimously agreed to.

Committee on changes desirable under the Commission is continued.

Alex. Bain, LL.D., Convener of the Committee on University changes desirable under the Commission, then moved —"That the Committee on University changes be continued under the same instructions as before".

Patrick Cooper, Jun., A.M., seconded this motion, which was then unanimously agreed to, with the following addendum (referred to above), brought forward by the Rev. Gordon

15th April, 1891. with further instructions.

J. Murray, viz. :—"and that said Committee be empowered to report to the Council any changes likely to conduce to the efficiency of the University which may have been suggested in the course of their deliberations but which do not, in their opinion, require the sanction of the Commissioners".

A Committee anent proposed extension of Marischal College Buildings.

The Council thereupon unanimously resolved to hear the Rev. Jas. Smith, A.M., B.D., Newhills, in support of the following motion, which was not on the card of business, viz. :—

"That a Committee be appointed to consider any scheme for the extension of Marischal College Buildings that may be proposed to or entertained by the University Court, with power to communicate with the Court and parties interested for the purpose of obtaining information, and to report *quam primum*".

This motion was seconded by the Rev. Wm. Fergusson, A.M., Ellon, and was unanimously agreed to, and thereupon the following Committee was appointed, viz. :—Alex. Bain, LL.D.; the Rev. Wm. S. Bruce, A.M., Banff; the Rev. Wm. Fergusson, A.M., Ellon; Robt. J. Garden, M.D., Aberdeen; David Littlejohn, Aberdeen; Alexander Macgregor, M.D., Aberdeen; the Rev. Alex. Ogilvie, LL.D., Aberdeen; the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., Aberdeen; Patrick B. Smith, M.D., Aberdeen; John Webster, LL.D., Aberdeen—Dr. Bain, Convener.

Meeting is adjourned till 16th May ensuing.

On the motion of Dr. Bain, it was unanimously resolved—"That the Council, at its rising, adjourn till Saturday, 16th May ensuing, at 1 P.M.".

Business Committee.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint as a Business Committee all who were members of last Business Committee —Patrick Cooper, Jun., A.M., to be Convener.

The meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXIIa. 16th May, 1891.

On the sixteenth day of May, Eighteen hundred and ninety-one, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, by adjournment from the statutory half-yearly Meeting, held 15th April, 1891—Professor Stephenson, M.D., the Professor longest in office as Professor in the University of those present, being, in the absence of Chancellor, Rector, and Principal, in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Rev. N. K. M'Leod, A.M., Ellon, the Minutes of last meeting, held 15th April, 1891, were approved.

Draft Standing Orders are reported.

In terms of the resolution adopted at last meeting, the Business Committee submitted a Report (printed) in the form of certain Draft Standing Orders to regulate the conduct of the Business of the Council.

In the absence of Patrick Cooper, Jun., A.M., Aberdeen, the Convener of the Business Committee, P. J. Anderson, A.M., LL.B., Aberdeen, then moved :—

The same to be considered at the meeting in October next.

"That the Draft Standing Orders reported by the Business Committee be taken into consideration at the statutory meeting of Council in October next; that members of Council be requested to intimate to the Convener of said Committee any amendments which they may propose to move thereon; and that the Committee be instructed to take such amendments into consideration and report thereon to the Council, and for that purpose have power to add to its number".

This motion was seconded by the Rev. James Smith, A.M., B.D., Aberdeen, and was unanimously agreed to.

Alexander Mackie, A.M., Aberdeen, then moved :—

A notice of meeting and copy of prints to be sent out to each member prior to next October meeting.

"That, seven days at the least before the statutory meeting of Council in October next, a notice of the said meeting, with a copy of the printed papers to be laid before it, be despatched to every member of Council who appears from the Register to reside within the United Kingdom".

This motion was seconded by David Craib, A.M., Aberdeen, and was unanimously agreed to.

It was then moved by the Rev. James Smith, A.M., B.D., Aberdeen, and seconded by the Rev. N. K. M'Leod, A.M., Ellon :—

A Committee anent Academic Costume of Graduates.

"That it be remitted to a Committee of Council to inquire into and report upon the Academic Costume of Graduates in this and other Scottish Universities, with a view to taking steps, through the University Court or otherwise, for the

16th May, 1891. adoption of a system of Costume distinctive (1) of higher and lower Degrees in the same Faculty; (2) of Degrees in the various Faculties; and (3) of Degrees of this and other Scottish Universities".

As an amendment, the previous question was moved by Wm. T. Fyfe, A.M., Old Aberdeen, and seconded by Wm. L. Mackenzie, A.M., M.B., Aberdeen.

Mr. Smith having asked and obtained leave of the meeting to amend his motion by deleting the word "Scottish" where it occurs first in the above motion, the latter, thus amended, was put against the amendment of Mr. Fyfe, with the result that 13 voted for the former and 4 for the latter.

Mr. Smith's amended motion was therefore carried and became the resolution of the Council, and, thereupon, the following Committee was appointed, with instructions to report to the statutory meeting of Council in October next, viz.:—P. J. Anderson, A.M., LL.B., Aberdeen; J. M. Bulloch, A.M., Aberdeen; the Rev. James Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen; Patrick Cooper, Jun., A.M., Aberdeen; the Rev. James Coutts, A.M., Ardallie; David Craib, A.M., Aberdeen; Angus Fraser, A.M., M.D., Aberdeen; Principal Geddes, LL.D.; the Rev. N. K. M'Leod, A.M., Ellon; the Rev. James Smith, A.M., B.D., Aberdeen; Professor Stephenson, M.D.—Mr. Anderson to be Convener.

On the motion of Alex. Bain, LL.D., Aberdeen, it was unanimously resolved:—

A representation to the Court anent increase of duties of the Clerk of Council.

"That, in view of any re-arrangement of the administrative departments of the University, the Council represent to the University Court that it is desirable to take into consideration the increased labour and responsibility entailed on the Clerk of Council by reason of the greater frequency of the Council's meetings and otherwise".

A statement by Dr. Bain anent Extension of Marischal College Buildings.

Thereupon, the Council unanimously resolved to hear Dr. Bain, Convener of the Committee appointed at last meeting on the subject of the proposed extension of Marischal College Buildings, and he made a statement anent said proposed extension accordingly.

Meeting is adjourned till 19th September.

On the motion of Dr. Bain, the Council then adjourned till Saturday, 19th September ensuing, at 1 P.M.

The meeting then closed with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) WM. STEPHENSON.

LXIIb.
19th Sept., 1891.

On the nineteenth day of September, Eighteen hundred and ninety-one, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, by adjournment from the Meeting held 16th May, 1891—Professor Stephenson, M.D., the Professor longest in office as Professor in the University of those present, being, in the absence of Chancellor, Rector, and Principal, in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Rev. James Smith, A.M., B.D., Newhills, the Minutes of last meeting, held 16th May, 1891, were approved.

Four Draft Ords. issued by the Commission.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission in terms of Section 19, Sub-section (2) of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, copies of each of four Draft Ordinances issued by the Commission, as under, viz. :—

(A) Two Draft Ordinances issued 26th May, 1891, viz. :—

(1) General, No. 6.—Regulations for Degrees in Arts and for the Constitution of Boards of Studies.

(2) General, No. 7.—Regulations for Degrees in Science.

In the letter sent with each of the foregoing, intimation was made that "the period of three months (as provided by Section 19, Sub-section (3) of the Act) during which objections respecting such Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commissioners in writing, expires on 26th October next".

(B) Two Draft Ordinances, issued 26th June, 1891, viz. :—

(1) General, No. 8.—Regulations as to Examinations.

(2) Abdn., No. 1.—Regulations for Degrees in Medicine.

In the letter sent with each of these two Draft Ordinances intimation was made that the period of three months, provided as above, expired on 26th November next.

Certain prints bearing thereon.

In connection with the foregoing Draft Ordinances, General, No. 6, and General, No. 7, there were laid before the Council copies of certain prints, viz. :—

(*a*) From the Senatus Academicus of the University of Edinburgh, under date 26th June, 1891, a Memorial to the Universities Commission upon each of the said two Draft Ordinances, and also each Ordinance as proposed to be amended.

(*b*) From the Professor of Mathematics in the University of Edinburgh a Memorial to the Universities Commission regarding the bearing of said two Draft Ordinances "on Mathematical Education in the Schools and Universities of Scotland".

(*c*) From the Professor of History in the University of Edinburgh a letter to the Universities Commission, dated 2nd July, 1891.

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There were then laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under date 8th July, 1891, two letters intimating that, on that day, each of the two Ordinances undernoted (of each of which a copy was enclosed) "had been transmitted to the Secretary for Scotland, with the request that it be laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889," viz.:—

Two Ords. laid (8th July last) before Parliament.

(1) Ordinance, No. 9 (General, No. 4—General Council), and (2) Ordinance, No. 10 (General, No. 5—Assessors of General Council).

By clause (3) of the second of the above Ordinances it is provided that:—

"In the University of Aberdeen, the Assessors to be elected in room of the Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D., and Angus Fraser, Esq., M.A., M.D., shall be elected at the second statutory half-yearly meeting of General Council held in the year 1891. The Assessors so elected shall not enter on their office until immediately after the 27th day of November, 1891—the date on which the term of office of the said Rev. James Smith and Angus Fraser, Esq., expires."

As this provision cannot now become effectual, under the Act, by the date (14th October, 1891) of the ensuing statutory half-yearly meeting of Council, the Council, after consideration, on the motion of Patrick Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen, Convener of the Business Committee, unanimously adopted the following resolution on the subject, viz.:—

"That it be an instruction to the Business Committee, in preparing business for the ensuing statutory half-yearly meeting, to consider and report as to the election of Assessors of the General Council in the University Court, with power to take the opinion of the Universities Commissioners thereupon".

The Sec. for Scotland submits copy of Financial Report for current year under Section 30,

There was then read a letter, dated 4th August, 1891, from the Secretary for Scotland, transmitting, under Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the consideration of the General Council, an Abstract (printed) of University Accounts, which the Secretary had accepted as the Financial Report of the University for the current year, and had laid before both Houses of Parliament.

and also of the Statistical Report.

There was also read a letter, of date 8th August, 1891, from the Secretary for Scotland, transmitting, for the consideration of the General Council, under the above Section of the Universities Act, a copy of the Statistical Report of the University for the year 1889-90, which had been laid before both Houses of Parliament on the 5th August.

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The powers of the Universities Commission are continued till 1st Jan., 1893.

There was then read a letter from the Secretary for Scotland, dated 8th August, 1891, enclosing for the General Council a copy of an Order by Her Majesty in Council, bearing date 30th July, 1891, continuing, under Section 13 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, the powers of the Universities Commissioners until the first day of January, 1893.

Deliverance by Univ. Court on Representation anent duties of Clerk of Council.

There was read the following Deliverance by the University Court, unanimously adopted at a meeting held 9th June, 1891, in reply to the Representation made by the Council on 16th May last anent the duties of the Clerk of Council, viz. :—

"That the Court is prepared at the proper time to carry out the suggestion embodied in the Representation, and, in the meantime, to give to the Clerk of Council such assistance and remuneration as may be necessary, and for that purpose the Court appoints a Committee to inquire and report".

Report on the fore-mentioned Draft Ords. by the Committee on desirable Univ. changes.

The Council then proceeded to the consideration of the Report, dated 19th September, of the Committee on University changes desirable under the Commission and on Draft Ordinances. Having been printed, the Report was held as read.

The Report enumerated the titles of the Draft Ordinances (four in number) issued by the Universities Commission since the Committee last reported to the Council, and the printed papers (six in number) received by the Committee from certain corporate bodies and individuals bearing on said Draft Ordinances—all as set forth above in the minutes of this meeting—and proceeded as follows, viz. :—

"The Committee desires to acknowledge the assistance it has derived from the perusal of the papers received from the University of Edinburgh, and particularly of the two Memorials by the Senatus of that University, and relative amended Draft Ordinances.

"As the result of its deliberations, the Committee has prepared the annexed Statements of Amendments which, in its opinion, require to be made on the Draft Ordinances above specified.

"The Committee recommends that these Statements of proposed Amendments be adopted by the Council, with or without modification, and be remitted to the Committee, with power to confer with the University Court and the Senatus Academicus of this University or Committees of those bodies, and to concur with them in making joint representation thereanent to the Universities Commissioners, but with instructions that, failing joint representation on all or any of

19th Sept., 1891. the proposed Amendments, the Committee shall, in name of the Council, submit to the Commissioners the proposed Amendments or such of them as may not have been included in any joint representation."

It was moved by the Rev. James Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen, and seconded by the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., Aberdeen, to delay consideration of the Report until next meeting of Council.

As an amendment, it was moved by the Rev. James Robertson, A.M., Aberdeen, and seconded by W. C. Spence, A.M., Aberdeen, that the Council now proceed to take up and discuss the Report of the Committee.

On a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 14 votes to 6, and the Council proceeded accordingly to consider the Committee's Statements of Amendments on the aforesaid Draft Ordinances, as under, viz. :—

I.

DRAFT ORDINANCE, GENERAL, No. 6.—REGULATIONS FOR DEGREES IN ARTS AND FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF BOARDS OF STUDIES.

Preliminary Examination.

Section III., line 4. The Rev. James Robertson, A.M., moved, and Dr. Bain seconded, that the Report of the Committee be altered by recommending the insertion of "or French, or German or Italian" after "Greek".

The Rev. James Cooper, A.M., moved, and the Rev. James Smith, A.M. (Aberdeen), seconded, that the Report be approved, and that line 4 remain as in the Draft Ordinance.

On a show of hands, the motion of Mr. Robertson was carried by 9 votes to 7, and became the resolution of the Council.

Lines 6 and 7. Conformably to this resolution it was then agreed to recommend that lines 6 and 7 be altered to read "Latin or Greek or French or German or Italian (if not already taken)".

Hugh F. Campbell, A.M., Aberdeen, then moved, and James Souter, A.M., Woodside, seconded, that the Report be further amended as to Section III., lines 6 and 7, by the alteration of "one" (line 6) to "two" and the insertion of "or a Physical or Natural Science" at the end, after "Dynamics".

As an amendment, Alexander Bain, LL.D., Aberdeen, moved, and the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, A.M., Aberdeen, seconded, that the Report be approved, and that the insertion of the above words be not recommended.

On a show of hands, the amendment of Dr. Bain was carried by 9 votes to 8, and became the resolution of the Council. 19th Sept., 1891.

The other proposed amendments recommended in the Report as to the Regulations for the Preliminary Examination were unanimously approved and adopted by the Council, as under, viz. :—

Lines 10, 11, and 12—leave these out.

Line 14—leave out "Proportion, Decimals, Vulgar Fractions, Simple and Compound Interest".

Line 15—leave out "the first nine propositions of the Sixth Book".

Lines 18, 19, and 20—insert "Latin, Greek" before "French" wherever it occurs.

Line 22—after "comprise" insert "the Fourth and Sixth Books of Euclid and the first twenty-one propositions of the Eleventh Book or an equivalent amount of instruction in Geometry".

Line 24—leave out "Dynamics" after "Elementary" and insert "Statics and Kinetics".

Section IV., line 2—after "provided" insert (0) "that before admission they have obtained the Lower Grade Leaving Certificate of the Scotch Education Department in these subjects, or have passed an equivalent Examination".

Section V., line 5 — leave out "French, German and Italian" and insert "Elementary Mathematics".

Line 6—leave out "Honour" and insert "Lower".

Line 7—leave out "French, German and Italian" and insert "Elementary Mathematics".

Ordinary Degree.

The Committee's Report was as follows, viz. :—

"Section VII. By this Section the courses for the M.A. Degree—compulsory and optional—are determined. Seven subjects as a minimum must be taken.

"The compulsory portion includes four alternatives—(*a*) Latin or Greek, (*b*) English or a Modern Language, (*c*) Logic and Metaphysics or Moral Philosophy, (*d*) Mathematics or Natural Philosophy.

"The Committee proposes as follows: (*a*) English, (*b*) Latin or Greek or a Modern Language, (*c*) Logic and Metaphysics (leaving out Moral Philosophy)."

It was moved by the Rev. Jas. Cooper, and seconded by the Rev. Jas. Simpson, A.M., Aberdeen, that the above recommendation of the Committee be not adopted.

As an amendment, Dr. Bain moved, and the Rev. Jas. Robertson, A.M., seconded, that the Committee's proposed amendments be approved.

19th Sept., 1891. On a show of hands, the motion of Mr. Cooper being supported by only three members, and that of Dr. Bain by the great majority of those present, the latter was declared carried, and the Report as above was adopted.

So also was the next paragraph, viz. :—

"The amount of Mathematics required under (*d*) as a preliminary to Natural Philosophy is estimated by the Elementary Mathematics of the Preliminary Examination. The Committee propose to leave out 'Elementary' and insert 'Higher'."

On consideration of the next paragraph, viz. :—

"For the remaining or optional subjects the Ordinance provides a very large selection arranged in four groups, and hedged in with a number of conditions.

"In the First Department, 1, *Language and Literature*, there is a heading 'Classical Archæology,' which is recommended to be struck out"—

the Council again divided on the motion of the Rev. Jas. Cooper that the paragraph be deleted. It was, however, approved by a large majority—as were also unanimously these paragraphs following, viz. :—

"Under 2, *Mental Philosophy*, the most important suggestion is to insert 'History of Philosophy,' and for 'Public Law' to read 'Philosophy of Law'.

"Under 3, *Science*, after each of 'Chemistry,' 'Zoology,' 'Botany,' and 'Geology,' insert 'with practical or laboratory work'."

The next paragraph of the Report was as follows, viz. :—

"In Department 4, *History and Law*, leave out 'Ancient History,' 'Modern History,' and 'Ecclesiastical History,' and insert 'History, Ancient and Modern'. Leave out 'Public Law,' and insert 'Philosophy of Law,' and leave out 'History of Art and Archæology'."

It was moved by the Rev. Jas. Cooper, and seconded by the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, that the above paragraph be deleted from the Report.

As an amendment, it was moved by Dr. Bain, and seconded by the Rev. James Robertson, that the paragraph be retained.

On a show of hands, the amendment was carried by 10 votes to 4, and the Committee's recommendations as above were approved.

The next paragraph of the Report, which was as under, was then unanimously approved, viz. :—

"Section X. relates to the times and conditions of the Examinations for the Degree; and the Committee considers that the following verbal changes would be an improvement:

In line 2—leave out 'shall' and insert 'may'. Line 3— leave out 'may' and insert 'shall'." 19th Sept., 1891.

DEGREE WITH HONOURS.

The Council then proceeded to consider the recommendations of the Report on the clauses of the Draft Ordinance dealing with the Degree with Honours, and unanimously approved of these amendments proposed by the Committee, viz. :—

"Section XII. assigns five groups for the Honours Degree. At present there are four—Classics, Mathematics, Mental Philosophy, Natural Science. The Section leaves out the last and adds two new groups :—

"(*d*) English, including Language, Literature, and British History.

"(*e*) History.

"The Committee proposes the restoration of Natural Science, and the modification of the two last as follows :—

"(*d*) English and History.

"(*e*) Modern Languages and Literature.

"A more serious point in this Section is the proposal to dispense with two out of the seven subjects in the ordinary Degree. The Committee recommends the restoration of seven for five subjects and nine for seven classes."

It was further unanimously resolved, on the motion of William T. Fyfe, A.M., Aberdeen, to recommend as under, viz. :—

"Line 18—after 'in' (where it occurs first) insert 'at least two of'.

"Line 19—after 'the' insert 'candidate's other,' and leave out from 'not' to 'group' (in line 20) inclusive.

"Line 20—for 'may' put 'shall'."

On consideration of next recommendation in the Report, which was in these terms following, viz. :—

"Section XIII. The following sentence: 'Every candidate for the Degree of Master of Arts with Honours shall include Latin or Greek either in his Honours Group or as one of the subjects in which the standard of examination is that required for the Ordinary Degree of Master of Arts,' is recommended to be left out "—

the Council divided, on the motion of the Rev. Jas. Cooper, that the above paragraph be left out.

The Council, however, by a large majority, approved of the foregoing recommendation of the Committee, only three voting in favour of the motion of Mr. Cooper.

The Report then further recommended that—

"For 'Latin shall be compulsory for candidates for

19th Sept., 1891. Honours in English or History' insert after 'Latin' 'or a Modern Language'.

"For 'Greek shall be compulsory for candidates for Honours in Mental Philosophy' insert after 'Greek' 'or German'."

A. T. Gordon Beveridge, A.M., M.B., Aberdeen, moved, and Patrick Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen, seconded, that the foregoing recommendations of the Report be adopted.

As an amendment, the Rev. Jas. Cooper moved, and the Rev. Jas. Simpson seconded, that the said recommendations be not adopted.

As a second amendment, it was moved by Dr. Bain, and seconded by Wm. C. Spence, A.M., Aberdeen, that in Section XIII. the second sentence following that above quoted be also left out, viz.: "Latin shall be compulsory for candidates for Honours in English or History, and Greek shall be compulsory for candidates for Honours in Mental Philosophy".

A show of hands having been taken first between the two amendments, that of Dr. Bain was carried by 11 votes to 4, and then between Dr. Bain's amendment and the motion of Mr. Beveridge, the former was carried by 11 votes to 3, and the Council, therefore, resolved to recommend that the whole of Section XIII. be left out.

The remaining recommendations of the Committee were then unanimously approved and adopted as under, viz.:—

"Section XIV. relates to the limits of time allowed for examination in Honours, and the Committee proposes to insert 'extension of time being allowed in special cases'.

"Section XV. provides for instituting three grades of Honours. 'In each group there shall be three Grades of Honours, to be denominated respectively, the First, Second, and Third Class.' The Committee suggests to leave out the Third Class."

Boards of Studies.

The following recommendations under this head were unanimously approved, viz.:—

"Section XVII. limits the Boards of Studies to Members of the Senatus and Lecturers in the University. The Committee recommends the addition of 'others being members of the General Council'.

"Section XX. provides that the Principal shall be, *ex officio*, a Member of each Board of Studies, and when present shall preside at any meeting thereof. The Committee recommends that the Convener shall preside, and in his absence a Chairman appointed by the meeting."

GENERAL.

The Committee's recommendations were unanimously adopted, as under, viz. :— 19th Sept., 1891.

"Section XXI. 'No attendance on a class in any language included in the Preliminary Examination shall count for graduation unless the candidate before entering the class has passed the Preliminary Examination in that language. He may, for that purpose, attend any Preliminary Examination held during the course of his study, taking only the paper set in that language.' In this Section the Committee proposes as follows :—

"Line 1—leave out 'included' to 'Examination' in line 2 inclusive.

"Line 4—after 'Language' insert 'or an equivalent Examination, if such language be not included in the Preliminary Examination'.

"Section XXV. seems to prohibit a candidate who has failed to obtain Honours from presenting himself a second time as a candidate for the Degree of Master of Arts with Honours. The Committee would add as a qualification 'in that group'."

II.

DRAFT ORDINANCE, GENERAL, No. 7.—REGULATIONS FOR DEGREES IN SCIENCE.

The following recommendations of the Committee were unanimously approved, viz. :—

"Section II., line 1—after 'pass' leave out 'the' and insert 'a'.

"Line 2—leave out from 'prescribed' to 'Greek' in line 4 inclusive, and insert 'in the following subjects :—

"'(1) English; (2) French or German; (3) Higher Mathematics; (4) One of the following :—French or German, if not already taken, Latin, Greek, Dynamics.

"'English, French, German, Higher Mathematics, Latin, Greek, and Dynamics shall have the same meanings and shall include and comprise the same branches as are in Section III. of Draft Ordinance, General, No. 8, respectively attached to and included and comprised in those terms.'

"'Every Candidate must pass in all his subjects at one and the same time.'

"'The Examiners shall have power to accept the Higher Grade Leaving Certificates of the Scotch Education Department for all subjects as equivalent to the Preliminary Examination: provided that such Certificate shall have been

19th Sept., 1891. granted in four subjects required for the Preliminary Examination, and shall have been obtained by the Candidate at one and the same Examination.'

"Section III., page 2, line 2—after 'laboratory' insert 'or practical'.

"Section IV., line 4—after 'two' insert 'different'.

"Section V., line 2—leave out 'Biology' and insert 'Logic'.

"Section VI., line 2—after 'subjects:—' insert '0. Applied Mathematics' and renumber the subjects.

"After line 16—add 'all the Final Examinations shall be of a High or Honours Standard'.

"Section X., line 2—leave out 'subject or'.

"Section XII., line 1—leave out from 'must' to 'and' in line 2 inclusive.

"Section XIII., line 1—before 'once' insert 'at least'."

"ALTERNATIVE SCHEME.

"(*Preferred by the General Council to the Ordinance as proposed to be amended.*)

"I.—That the Natural Science Honours Department in connection with the Degree of M.A.—which the Commissioners propose to abolish (Draft Ordinance, General, No. 6, Section XII.)—be restored: to be styled 'Group (*d*), Physical and Natural Science'.

"II.—That Doctorates be instituted in the Mathematical, the Physical, the Natural, the Mental, the Philological, etc., Sciences: to be open to Masters of Arts.

"III.—That the Degree of B.Sc. be abolished, in so far as the Pure Sciences are concerned, and be reserved for technical subjects, such as Agriculture, Public Health, Engineering, etc."

III.

DRAFT ORDINANCE, GENERAL, No. 8.—REGULATIONS AS TO EXAMINATIONS.

The Council unanimously approved and adopted the Committee's recommendations as under, viz.:—

"Section X., line 5—after 'Arts' insert 'and Medicine'.

"Line 6—leave out 'and'.

"Line 7—leave out 'and to that of the Honours Grade Leaving Certificates in'.

"Line 8—leave out from 'and' to 'English' on page 4, line 1 inclusive.

"Section XIII., line 1—leave out 'the' at end of line and insert 'such'. 19th Sept., 1891.

"Section XIV., line 2—leave out 'the' and insert 'such'.

"Section XV., line 2—leave out 'the' before 'Professors' and insert 'such'."

It was further unanimously resolved, on the motion of William T. Fyfe, A.M., to recommend as under, viz.:—

"In Section XIII., line 7, and also in Section XIV., line 6, after 'necessary' insert the following clause from Section XV.: 'provided that the Court shall make such provisions as will ensure that every candidate shall be examined in each subject by at least two Examiners, one of whom shall not be a Professor or Lecturer in the University'."

IV.

DRAFT ORDINANCE, ABERDEEN, No. 1.—REGULATIONS FOR DEGREES IN MEDICINE.

The Council unanimously approved and adopted the following recommendations of the Committee, viz.:—

"GRADUATION IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

"Section VI., lines 3 and 4—leave out 'University Court' and insert 'Joint Board of Examiners appointed under the provisions of Draft Ordinance, General, No. 8 [Regulations as to Examinations]'.

"Line 5—leave out from 'appointed' to 'Examinations' inclusive.

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"Section VII., Sub-section 10, line 5—after 'labour' insert 'at least three of which must be'. After 'the' insert 'direct'.

"Section X., line 3—leave out from 'second' to 'Pharmacy' in line 4 inclusive.

"Line 4—leave out 'third' and insert 'second'; leave out 'fourth' and insert 'third'.

"Line 5—after 'including' insert 'Pharmacognosy, Pharmacy'.

"Line 6—leave out 'fifth' and insert 'fourth'; after 'Medicine' insert 'and'.

"Line 7—after 'Midwifery' leave out 'and,' and insert '*fifth*, in'; after 'Surgery' insert within brackets 'including such special departments as the Senatus may from time to time determine'.

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"Section XV., line 3—leave out 'and' to 'conditions' in line 4 inclusive.

"Line 4—leave out 'Faculty of Medicine' and insert 'Examiners'; leave out all after 'prescribe'.

"EXAMINERS.

"Section XXIII., line 2—leave out 'the' and insert 'such'."

Thereupon the Council, on the motion of Dr. Bain, resolved —" That the Statements of proposed Amendments on the aforesaid Draft Ordinances, as now modified, be adopted by the Council, and be remitted to the Committee on Draft Ordinances, with power to confer with the University Court and the Senatus Academicus of this University or Committees of those bodies, and to concur with them in making joint representation thereanent to the Universities Commissioners, but with instructions that, failing joint representation on all or any of the proposed Amendments, the Committee shall, in name of the Council, submit to the Commissioners the proposed Amendments or such of them as may not have been included in any joint representation."

A verbal statement anent Mar. Coll. Buildings Extension scheme.

Thereupon Dr. Bain, Convener of the Committee on the subject of the proposed extension of Marischal College Buildings, made a verbal statement to the Council thereanent, after which the Council re-appointed the Committee with the same instructions as before.

The meeting then closed with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) WM. STEPHENSON.

LXIII.
14th Oct., 1891.

On the fourteenth day of October, Eighteen hundred and ninety-one, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Marquis of Huntly, Rector of the University, in the Chair.

After Prayer by the Rev. James Smith, B.D., Newhills,

Election of Assessors.

Patrick Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen, Convener of the Business Committee, in conformity with the remit made to said Committee at last meeting of Council, gave in a report as to the Election of Assessors: and there were laid on the table, from the Universities Commission, copies of "Regulations for the Election of Assessors of General Council," dated 8th October, 1891, made by the Commissioners, which were in these terms following, viz.:—

"Whereas by the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, the Commissioners under the said Act are, by Section 5, Subsection 2, empowered to regulate the period for which the three new Assessors elected by the General Council shall hold office, so as to provide that in future two such Assessors shall retire from office biennially, and whereas the said Commissioners have accordingly determined the period for which the said Assessors respectively shall hold office by a Regulation dated 30th June, 1890, and whereas it is necessary in order to carry out the said Enactment that further provision should be made for the election of successors to certain of the said Assessors whose terms of office as thereby fixed will expire before an Ordinance which has been prepared by the Commissioners to regulate the time, place, and manner of electing University Officers, and which has been laid before both Houses of Parliament, can be submitted for the approval of Her Majesty in Council, in terms of Section 20 of the said Act.

"Therefore the Commissioners under the said Act make the following regulations:—

"With respect to the election of Assessors of the General Council in each University, in room of the Assessors hereinafter referred to, the following provisions shall have effect (that is to say):—

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"(3) In the University of Aberdeen:—

"The Assessors to be elected, in room of the Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D., and Angus Fraser, Esq., M.A., M.D., shall be elected at the second statutory half-yearly meeting of General Council held in the year 1891. The Assessors so elected shall not enter on their office until immediately after the 27th day of November, 1891—the date on which the term of office of the said Rev. James Smith and Angus Fraser, Esq., expires."

In terms of the foregoing, the Council proceeded to the Election of Assessors

14th Oct., 1891. The Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., Aberdeen, moved, and the Rev. Wm. Fergusson, A.M., Ellon, seconded, that the Rev. James Smith, A.M., B.D., Newhills, be re-elected Assessor.

Robert J. Garden, M.D., Aberdeen, moved, and George M. Edmond, A.M., M.D., Aberdeen, seconded, that Angus Fraser, A.M., M.D., Aberdeen, be re-elected Assessor.

David Littlejohn, Aberdeen, then moved, and William Rae, A.M., Aberdeen, seconded, that Charles Brown Davidson, Aberdeen, be elected Assessor, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Alexander Edmond on 18th June last.

Whereupon, as no other persons were nominated for the three Assessorships vacant or about to become vacant, the Chairman declared that the Rev. James Smith, Angus Fraser, M.D., and Charles Brown Davidson, had been duly elected Assessors of the General Council in the University Court.

The Minutes of last meeting, held 19th September, 1891, were then approved.

Report by Business Committee anent Expenses of Council, etc. Patrick Cooper, A.M., Convener of the Business Committee, then gave in from said Committee the following Report, which, having been printed, was held as read, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE ANENT THE EXPENSES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, ETC.

In addition to discharging its ordinary functions and dealing with the special remits anent Standing Orders and the Election of Assessors, the Business Committee, during the past half year, addressed itself to two other matters of some interest to the Council and to the University. These were—(1) the Question of the Expenses of the General Council, and (2) the Allocation of the "Equivalent Grant" to Scotland.

1. *Expenses of the General Council.*

The attention of the Committee was directed to a request by the University Court of this University that the Commissioners should limit the amount of the expenses of the Council or give the Court power to do so. Lest the matter should have been disposed of by the Commissioners without the General Council having an opportunity of being heard, the Committee submitted to the Commissioners the following Representation on the subject :—

REPRESENTATION BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN TO THE SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES COMMISSIONERS. 14th Oct., 1891.

The Business Committee of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen, having considered—

(*a*) Section 14, Sub-section 10, of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, empowering the Commissioners under the said Act, *inter alia* "to make such provision as they may think necessary to enable . . . the General Council to discharge [its] duties"; and

(*b*) Resolution passed by the University Court of the University of Aberdeen on the 17th December, 1890, and thereafter communicated to the Commissioners, recommending "that the expenses of the General Council be paid out of the General University Fund Account, and that the Universities Commissioners be requested to limit the amount of said expenses or give the Court power to do so";

Respectfully makes representation thereanent to the Scottish Universities Commissioners as follows:—

1. The experience of the past year goes to prove that in future the meetings of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen—under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858, § 6, and the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, § 8—will probably average not less than *five* annually.

2. The General Council, at a meeting held on the 15th April, 1891, approved and adopted a Report from its Business Committee in the following terms:—

"The Business Committee, having considered the subject of the remit by the Council on the mode of calling meetings, finds that—

"(1) It has been the practice to insert once in each of the two leading local newspapers (*a*) three weeks, or thereby, before each statutory half-yearly meeting, a notice of the day and hour thereof, with intimation that any business to be brought forward must be communicated to the Clerk before a certain day, namely, the Monday of the week previous to the meeting, and (*b*) on the day following (*i.e.*, the Tuesday in the week prior to the meeting) a programme of business to be brought before such meeting; but, except on two or three recent occasions, no other notices than these have hitherto been given by advertisement, and no such notice has at any time been given by circular.

"(2) Draft Minutes of previous meetings, Reports of Committees, and other important papers coming before the Council, on which discussion may be expected, are printed and distributed among the members at the commencement of business; but, owing to the length of such papers, it fre-

14th Oct., 1891. quently happens that members are unable to become sufficiently acquainted with their contents before the discussion.

"(3) Meetings of the Glasgow University Council are advertised once in each of three newspapers in Glasgow and Edinburgh; but, in addition, there is posted to each Member of Council within the United Kingdom a print containing a notice calling the meeting and a note of the heads of business, together with the Draft Minute of the previous meeting, the Business Committee's Report, and Notices of Motion.

"(4) Until recently, the practice of the Edinburgh University Council was to insert twice in each of two newspapers an advertisement of the day, hour and place of meeting, with a request that Notices of Motion should be lodged on or before a stated day, and thrice in each of such newspapers a more extended advertisement, stating the day, hour and place of meeting, and the programme of business, including Notices of Motion in full. Last year this method was superseded by one similar to that in use in Glasgow University—each meeting being advertised twice in the leading daily newspapers, and notices and prints being posted to those members only who reside in Scotland.

"The Business Committee is of opinion that it is desirable, and, in order to increase the interest of the Members of Council in its proceedings, it is necessary that the meetings and the business to be brought before them should be made known more widely than at present. The Committee, therefore, recommends the Council to adopt a method similar to that in use in the University of Edinburgh, with this qualification, that notices and printed papers should be posted only to those Members of Council who reside within the Counties of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine, and such other Members as may intimate to the Clerk their desire to be furnished with such notices and printed papers."

3. The General Council, at a meeting held on the 4th May, 1891, passed a Resolution in the following terms:—

"*Resolved*—That, in view of any rearrangement of the administrative departments of the University, the Council represent to the University Court that it is desirable to take into consideration the increased labour and responsibility entailed on the Clerk of Council, by reason of the greater frequency of the Council's meetings and otherwise".

4. In providing for, or fixing a limit to, the expenses of the said General Council, it is essential that the Universities Commissioners disregard the average amount of the Council's expenses in the past, and keep in view the largely increased outlay that will in future years be entailed on the Council

through (*a*) the greater frequency of meetings and the more numerous and more detailed advertisements thereof; (*b*) the cost of printing and distributing, to probably not less than 2000 members of Council, copies of all notices of meetings (whether statutory, special, or adjourned) and relative papers; and (*c*) the provision of an adequate salary for the Clerk of Council, who has hitherto received no remuneration whatsoever.

5. The Commissioners are requested to deal with the matter of the expenses of the General Council, not by declaration addressed to the University Court, but by Ordinance, so as to give the Council an opportunity of submitting, in terms of the Statute, such objections and amendments thereto as the Council may think proper.

Signed, in name of the Business Committee,

PATRICK COOPER, *Convener.*

1st June, 1891.

2. *Allocation of the "Equivalent Grant" to Scotland.*

In the month of May last it was suggested to this Committee by the Business Committee of Glasgow University Council that some action should be taken without delay, in order, if possible, to obtain for the Universities of Scotland a share of the grant of £200,000 which it was understood Her Majesty's Government intended to assign for Scottish purposes. Accordingly this Committee, following the example of that of the Glasgow Council, lost no time in addressing to the Secretary for Scotland a memorial in the following terms:—

UNTO THE MOST HONOURABLE THE MARQUIS OF LOTHIAN, K.T., THE SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND, THE MEMORIAL OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Memorialists venture to approach your Lordship, in order to urge on Her Majesty's Government the claims of the Universities of Scotland to a share of the grant of £200,000, which is proposed to be assigned for Scottish purposes.

That, while the primary schools are being maintained out of local rates and imperial taxes, the Universities of Scotland have been unable to keep their relative position among the educational institutions of the country, and are in danger of losing their hold on the Scottish people.

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That the claims which must first be provided for out of the annual grant made to the Scottish Universities, under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, in respect of salaries, pensions, allowances and other vested rights and interests, are of such magnitude as almost entirely to absorb the annual grant, and to render much-needed improvements impossible for many years to come.

That in the Scottish Universities, and particularly in the University of Aberdeen, a large number of new Chairs and Lectureships is urgently required in all the Faculties, along with an appropriate complement of laboratories and other accommodation for practical classes; and if the improvements contemplated by the Legislature at the passing of the Act of 1889 are to be carried out to any extent whatever, so as to keep the Universities abreast of the times, the annual grant provided for them under the Act must be greatly increased.

Your Memorialists would therefore most earnestly submit that, in the allocation of the proposed grant of £200,000 to Scotland, a proportion should be assigned to the Scottish Universities to enable them so far to maintain and advance the cause of Higher Education in Scotland.

Signed, in name of the Business Committee,

PATRICK COOPER, *Convener.*

27th May, 1891.

The memorial was duly received and acknowledged by the Secretary of State, but, as the Council is aware, the sum granted to Scotland for the current financial year amounted to only one half of what had been anticipated, and that was wholly assigned for relief of local taxation.

It is understood, however, that the grant for next year will be at least £200,000, and the Committee will not fail to give its attention to the interests of the University, and if need be to make a further representation thereon to Her Majesty's Government.

PATRICK COOPER, *Convener.*

Aberdeen, 30th September, 1891.

On the motion of the Convener of the Committee, the above Report was unanimously approved.

Report on Draft Standing Orders.

In terms of the resolution of the Council, of date 16th May last, the Business Committee reported, through their Convener, that they had gone through the Draft Standing

Orders then laid on the table, and had made some amendments thereon, and they submitted an amended Draft, which, being printed, was held as read. **14th Oct., 1891.**

It was resolved to take into consideration the said amended Draft, and the same was accordingly discussed, clause by clause.

After debate, certain further amendments having been adopted, the Standing Orders were agreed to as under, viz.:—

STANDING ORDERS.

Meetings of Council.

Statutory Meetings.

1. The General Council shall assemble twice every year, [Act 1858, § 6] and such meetings shall be held on the Wednesday next after the second Tuesday of April and of October. [Ordinance, 9th January, 1860, § 13.]

Special Meetings.

2. In addition to the statutory meetings, the Council may hold special meetings at the instance of the Chancellor, who shall convene such meetings on a requisition from a quorum of members. [Act 1889, § 8.]

Quorum at Special Meetings.

3. The quorum of the Council shall be ten for every complete thousand or fraction of a thousand on the register of members: But this provision shall not apply to the statutory meetings. [Act 1889, § 8: and Declaration by Commissioners, 6th January, 1890.]

Adjournment.

4. The Council may adjourn any meeting. [Act 1889, § 8.]

Preliminary advertisement of Statutory Meetings.

5. Twenty-one days at the least before every statutory meeting, a notice shall be published once in each of the *Aberdeen Journal*, *Aberdeen Free Press*, *Northern Daily News*, *Scotsman* and *Glasgow Herald* daily newspapers, specifying the day, hour and place of meeting, and requiring notice of motions intended to be proposed at such meeting to be given to the Clerk, in terms of the Standing Orders.

Notice of Motions to be given.

Exceptions.

6. Notice of every motion to be proposed at a meeting of Council shall be given to the Clerk in writing, signed by the member giving it, fourteen days at the least before the date of such meeting. But this Order shall not apply to (*a*) any motion for the adoption of a Committee's Report which has been duly transmitted to the Clerk in terms of the Standing Orders; (*b*) any motion for the adjournment of the Council, or of a debate, or for proceeding to the next business, or for resolving the Council into a Committee; or (*c*) any relevant amendment to a motion before the Council.

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7. Seven days at the least before every meeting of Council (whether statutory, special, or adjourned), a notice specifying the day, hour and place of meeting, and the business to be transacted thereat, shall be—

(*a*) published once in each of said newspapers, and

Notices and Papers to be circulated.

(*b*) despatched, with a copy of the printed papers which are to be laid before the meeting, to each member of Council who appears from the Register to reside within the Counties of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine, and to each other member of Council who may have intimated to the Clerk his desire to be furnished with such notices and printed papers: provided that, if any meeting shall be adjourned for a period of less than fourteen days, this Order shall be dispensed with.

Exception.

Papers to be held as read.

8. The printed papers distributed under the preceding Order shall include the draft minute of the preceding meeting of Council; and such distribution shall be held equivalent to reading of the minute and other papers.

Collected Minutes.

9. One copy of the collected minutes of Council shall be forwarded to any member intimating to the Clerk his desire to be furnished therewith.

Chairman of Meetings, etc.

10. At meetings of the Council, the Chancellor, whom failing the Rector, whom failing the Principal, whom failing the Chancellor's Assessor, whom failing the Rector's Assessor shall preside, and in the absence of all of the said officials a Chairman shall be elected by the meeting: provided that no member of the Senatus Academicus shall preside at any meeting of Council held for the purpose of electing an Assessor or Assessors. [Ordinance 8th July, 1891, § 2.]

Votes of Chairman

11. The Chairman shall have a deliberative and a casting vote, and in case of an equality of votes at the conclusion of a poll the Chairman shall have a casting vote. [Ordinance 8th July, 1891, § 2.]

Order of Business.

12. Unless the Council shall otherwise determine, the order of business at any meeting shall be according to the programme of business prepared by the Business Committee: provided always that, when an election of an Assessor or Assessors forms part of the business of a meeting of Council, it shall be taken up as soon as the Chairman has taken the chair and before the meeting proceeds to any other business. [Ordinance 8th July, 1891, § 4.]

Elections of Chancellor and Assessors. 14th Oct., 1891.

For Regulations affecting the elections of Chancellors and Assessors, see Ordinance of 8th July, 1891, §§ 3-8.

Elections of Members of Parliament.

For Regulations affecting the elections of Members of Parliament for the University, see the Representation of the People (Scotland) Act, 1868, §§ 37-41, and the Universities Elections Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1881. Statutes regulating election of M.P.'s.

Quorum at Special Meetings.

13. (1) If a quorum of members be not present within twenty minutes after the time appointed for a special meeting, such meeting shall not be held. Procedure at Special Meetings if no quorum.

(2) If at any time during a special meeting a quorum of members be not present, the Chairman shall suspend the proceedings of the meeting until a quorum be present; but if no quorum be present within twenty minutes next after such suspension, the meeting shall be dissolved.

Order in Debate.

14. If a motion, of which notice has been given, be not moved by the member who has given notice, or by some other member on his behalf, when it comes on in due course, it shall, unless postponed by leave of the Council, be held as dropped, and shall not be moved without fresh notice. Notice of dropped Motions to be renewed.

15. Every motion and amendment shall be moved and seconded and given in to the Clerk in writing, and read by the Chairman to the meeting before any further discussion may take place thereon. Motions, etc., to be moved, seconded, etc.

16. No member may address the Council more than once on any motion or amendment, but the mover of a substantive motion may reply, and in his reply shall strictly confine himself to answering previous speakers, and shall not introduce any new matter into the debate; and after the mover has been called on by the Chairman to reply no other member may speak in that debate, except to a point of order, or, with the permission of the Chairman, in explanation of some material part of a speech made by him which he believes to have been misunderstood. No Member to speak twice. — Exceptions.

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17. No motion or amendment may be withdrawn except by leave of the Council; and leave to withdraw a motion or amendment on which a contingent motion has been moved shall not be given until such contingent motion has been disposed of.

Putting Motions and Amendments: (1) One Amendment. (2) More than one Amendment.

18. (1) When only one amendment has been proposed to a motion, the amendment shall be put against the motion.

(2) When more than one amendment has been proposed, the amendment last proposed shall be put against that immediately preceding, and then the amendment which is carried shall be put against the next preceding, and so on until there remains only one amendment, which shall then be put against the original motion.

(3) Motion or Amendment as a Resolution.

(3) After the vote between the original motion and the amendment has been taken, the motion or amendment carried shall forthwith be put as a substantive resolution without further discussion.

Dilatory Motions.

19. It shall be competent to move the previous question; and such motion, or a motion for the adjournment of the Council or of a debate, or for proceeding to the next business, may be made at any time during a meeting, and such motion shall take the place of any business before the meeting.

Committees.

Committees of Council.

20. The Council may appoint Committees to investigate into and report upon any matter remitted to them, or to carry out instructions given to them by the Council. [Act 1889, § 8.]

Quorum of Committee.

21. Unless otherwise determined by the Council, three members shall be the quorum of a Committee.

Convener of Committee.

22. If no Convener be appointed by the Council to a Committee, the Committee shall elect a Convener; and, if at any meeting the Convener be not present at the time appointed for holding the same, the members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting.

Votes in Committee

23. Any question arising at a meeting of a Committee shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting on such question: and, in case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

24. Every report of a Committee shall, through its Convener or some other member appointed by the Committee for that purpose, be transmitted to the Clerk of Council, fourteen days at the least before the date of the meeting of Council at which such report is intended to be presented. **14th Oct., 1891.** Report of Committee.

25. Minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of every meeting of a Committee, with the names of the members present thereat, shall be prepared by or under the direction of the Convener of such Committee, or, in his absence, the Chairman of such meeting; and, after being approved of by the Committee, shall be laid on the table of the Council at the presentation of the report of the Committee. Minutes of Committee.

Suspension and Alteration of Standing Orders.

26. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes and Ordinances, any one or more of the Standing Orders may in a case of urgency be suspended or dispensed with at any meeting, so far as regards any business at such meeting, provided that two-thirds of the members of the Council present and voting shall so determine. Suspension of Standing Orders.

27. Notice of every motion for the alteration or repeal of any of the Standing Orders shall be given at a meeting of Council, six months at the least before the date of the meeting at which such motion is intended to be proposed: and such motion shall not be taken into consideration except at the first diet of a statutory meeting. Alteration or Repeal of Standing Orders.

Interpretation of Terms.

28. In the Standing Orders, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation of Terms.

"Statutory Meeting" means a meeting of the Council held in terms of section six of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858, and includes any adjournment thereof in terms of section eight of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889. "Statutory Meeting."

"Special Meeting" means a special meeting of the Council held in terms of section eight of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, and includes any adjournment thereof. "Special Meeting."

Thereafter, on the motion of Patrick Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen, it was unanimously resolved—"That the Draft

14th Oct., 1891. Standing Orders as now amended be the Standing Orders of the Council in relation to the conduct of its business: and that the said Standing Orders be printed and issued by the Clerk of Council to such members of Council as may intimate to him their desire to be furnished therewith".

Report by Committee on Academic Costume.

In terms of the remit (16th May, 1891) to a Committee of Council, "to inquire into, and report upon, the Academic Costume of Graduates in this and other Universities," P. J. Anderson, A.M., LL.B, Convener of said Committee, submitted a Report, which, having been distributed to members, was held as read.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, and seconded by the Rev. Jas. Smith, A.M., B.D., Aberdeen—"That the Council approve the Report as amended, and authorise its transmission to the General Councils of the other Scottish Universities, with the view of arranging for joint action; and, meanwhile, re-appoint the Committee to report further if need be".

As an amendment, it was moved by Wm. T. Fyfe, A.M., Old Aberdeen, and seconded by Wm. C. Spence, A.M., Aberdeen—"That the Council thank the Committee for the Report on Academic Costume, and consider it inexpedient to take further steps in the matter".

On a show of hands, there were found to be 18 members in favour of the motion, and 21 in favour of the amendment, which was therefore carried, and became the resolution of the Council.

An instruction to Committee on University Extension.

Thereafter, it was moved by the Rev. Jas. Smith, A.M., B.D., Aberdeen, and seconded by Wm. C. Spence, A.M., Aberdeen—"That it be an instruction to the Committee of the General Council on University Extension to consider and report on the feasibility of having the Extension of the University Buildings made in part at King's College".

As an amendment, it was moved by Wm. Rae, A.M., Aberdeen, and seconded by the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, A.M., B.D., Aberdeen, that the meeting proceed to the next business.

On a show of hands, 24 voted for the motion, and 8 for the amendment. The motion was therefore carried, and the Council resolved in terms thereof.

Committee on University Changes re-appointed.

The Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances was unanimously re-appointed, with the same instructions as formerly.

P. J. Anderson, A.M., LL.B., moved that the following be elected the Business Committee, viz. :—The Principal, the four Assessors in the University Court, the Clerk of Council —all *ex officio*, and P. J. Anderson, A.M., LL.B.; Alex. Bain, LL.D.; A. T. G. Beveridge, A.M., M.B.; the Rev. David Brown, D.D.; Patrick Cooper, A.M.; Robert J. Garden, M.D.; Wm. F. Ogg; the Rev. Jas. Smith, A.M., B.D., Aberdeen—Mr. Cooper, *Convener*. **14th Oct., 1891. Business Committee.**

This was unanimously agreed to, with the addition of the names of Wm. T. Fyfe, A.M., and Wm. C. Spence, A.M.

On the motion of Dr. Bain, the Council then adjourned till Saturday, 12th December, at 1 p.m. **Meeting adjourned.**

The Meeting then closed with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) HUNTLY.

LXIIIa.
12th Dec., 1891.

On the twelfth day of December, Eighteen hundred and ninety-one, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, by adjournment from the statutory half-yearly Meeting held 14th October, 1891, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 14th October, 1891, were approved.

Three Draft Ordinances submitted by the Commission.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under date 11th November, 1891, two letters enclosing, in terms of Section 19, Sub-section (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of each of the following Draft Ordinances, respectively, viz. :—

(1) General, No. 9—Regulations for Graduation of Women.

(2) General, No. 10—Regulations as to Assistants and Lecturers.

It was stated in each of the foregoing letters that "the period of three months (as provided by Section 19, Sub-section (3) of the Act) during which objections respecting such Ordinances, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commissioners in writing, expires on 16th February next".

There was also laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under date 11th December, 1891, a letter enclosing, in terms of Section 19, Sub-section (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following Draft Ordinance, viz. :—

St. Andrews, Aberdeen and Edinburgh, No. 2—Libraries.

It was stated in the foregoing letter that "the period of three months (as provided by Section 19, Sub-section (3) of the Act) during which objections respecting such Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commissioners in writing, expires on 11th March next".

Report on Buildings Extension Scheme.

Alexander Bain, LL.D., Convener of the Committee on the Buildings Extension Scheme, then gave in the following Report, and moved its adoption, viz. : —

"The Committee appointed on the 14th of April to consider any scheme for the Extension of Marischal College Buildings, in obedience to the resolution passed on the 14th October, namely, 'That it be an instruction to the Committee of the General Council on University Extension to consider and report on the feasibility of having the Extension of the University Buildings made in part at King's College,' beg to report as follows :—

"The interpretation put by the Committee upon this injunction was, not that they should make a special pleading in behalf of the scheme referred to in the resolution of Council, but rather that they should compare the different schemes

(three in number) that came before the University Court at its meeting of 20th October, at which meeting the Court substantially resolved in favour of one to the dismissal of the two others, *i.e.*, the scheme for transferring the Science Classes to King's College, and the scheme for bringing over the Arts Classes to Marischal College. The Court professed its willingness to modify as to details its own scheme for extending Marischal College Buildings, but neither of the two other schemes could by any ordinary interpretation be apparently treated as a detail. 12th Dec., 1891.

"It seems unnecessary for the Committee to resume the obvious pleas for extension at King's College, namely, the abundance of building space, the quiet and airy site, the existence of a class now rendered necessary for Medical Students as well as for Arts, the sentimental associations in the minds of the majority of our *alumni*, together with a number of minor considerations. These advantages have to be taken along with countervailing considerations, also of a weighty character, such as the inconvenience to the public in general in being obliged to go to so great a distance, and to Medical Students in particular. It is manifestly a fond desire on the part of the Aberdeen public, that the new subjects to be introduced into our University teaching should be available to other classes of the community, besides the existing type of Arts Student. To which may be added the very natural wish, frequently expressed, to have Evening Classes in a number of the subjects included both in the existing and in the enlarged curriculum.

"By far the most serious consideration at the present moment is the desirability of enabling the Arts Students readily to avail themselves of the numerous options contemplated by the Commissioners, instead of placing barriers in the way of such options. This consideration points to the two alternatives—taking the Science Classes, with all the other new Arts subjects, to King's College, or else the bringing over of the present Arts Classes from King's to Marischal College. It would be easy to develop in detail the difficulties of making any selection beyond the most limited variation of topics, if the Science Classes, together with Modern Languages, History and Education, were to be at Marischal College.

"The whole question of relative expense is still a matter of doubt and debate. Notwithstanding which, one thing may be pronounced as certain, that it is impossible to continue the Arts teaching in King's College without some additions, not inconsiderable, to its present buildings. Hence it is apparent, that the very large sum estimated as necessary for Marischal College extension must be augmented by a

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supplement for adapting King's College to the new requirements.

"The haste of the Court to pronounce in favour of one scheme was inexpedient, and is more likely to impede than to promote the liberality of those interested in providing increased University accommodation. Until the Commission has finished its Ordinances bearing upon the courses of study in the different Faculties, it is a mistake to commit the University to any finding having the degree of definiteness attaching to the resolution apparently adopted by the Town Council and the University Court.

"A. BAIN, *Convener.*"

The Principal moved—"That the Council, understanding that the University Court has arranged to hold an early meeting to consider both in whole and in detail the Sketch-Plans for University Extension, resolves to receive the Report of the Committee now submitted, and meantime adjourns consideration thereof to a future meeting".

P. J. Anderson, A.M., LL.B., seconded this motion.

The Rev. Professor Pirie, A.M., seconded the approval and adoption of the Report.

After discussion, as neither Dr. Bain nor his seconder had any wish to press their motion, that of the Principal was unanimously adopted, and the Council resolved to continue the Committee accordingly.

Report by the Committee on Draft Ordinances.

Patrick Cooper, A.M., on behalf of the Convener of the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances, then gave in from the Committee a Report consisting of two parts, viz. :—

(I.)—This section dealt with the remit made to the Committee, on 19th September last, on the subject of the four Draft Ordinances which were that day reported on to the Council. It was stated that, as neither the University Court nor the Senatus had seen its way to enter into the proposed conference on the said Draft Ordinances, "no other course was open to the Committee than itself to submit to the Commissioners the proposed Amendments, and this was accordingly done".

This section of the Committee's Report was unanimously approved.

(II.)—This part dealt with the two Draft Ordinances above cited (viz., General, No. 9, and General, No. 10), issued by the Commission since last meeting of the Council.

The Committee stated that it "had gone through these Draft Ordinances with care, but, with the exception after-

mentioned, the Committee does not propose any amendment for submission to the Commissioners. 12th Dec., 1891.

"It is proposed by Draft Ordinance No. 10 that the Assistants to Professors appointed as therein provided should be styled University Assistants or Demonstrators as the University Court might determine. The Committee recommends that such Assistants should be styled 'Assistant Professors'."

On the motion of the Rev. James Robertson, A.M., Aberdeen, the Committee's Report upon Draft Ordinance, General, No. 9—Regulations for Graduation of Women, on which no amendment was proposed, was unanimously approved.

With reference to the Committee's Report on Draft Ordinance, General, No. 10—Regulations as to Assistants and Lecturers, the recommendation that the designation "Assistant Professors" should be adopted instead of "University Assistants or Demonstrators" was moved by Patrick Cooper, A.M., seconded by Dr. Bain.

As an amendment, it was moved by the Rev. James Simpson, A.M., Aberdeen, seconded by John Parker, A.M., Aberdeen, that the Council should recommend the adoption of the designation "Professorial Assistants".

On a show of hands, the Chairman declared the motion to be carried by a large majoricy, and thereupon, on the motion of Patrick Cooper, A.M., the Council resolved—"That the Report of the Committee on Draft Ordinance, General, No. 10, be agreed to, and that the Committee be instructed, in name of the Council, to submit to the Scottish Universities Commissioners the proposed Amendment on said Draft Ordinance".

There was read a letter, dated 28th October, 1891, from the Hon. Secretary of the Scottish History Society communicating, by direction of the Society, a copy of the following resolution adopted at a General Meeting of the Society, held 27th October last, viz. :—

"That the Council of the Scottish History Society should respectfully represent to the Universities Commissioners the importance of recognising the special claims of Historical study, and particularly the study of the History of the British Islands, in the arrangements that they make for future teaching and graduation in the Scottish Universities".

On the motion of Dr. Bain, the Council then adjourned till Saturday, 5th March, at 1 p.m.

The meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXIIIb. 5th March, 1892.

On the fifth day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, by adjournment from the Meeting held 12th December, 1891, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 12th December, 1891, were approved.

Four Ordinances forwarded by the Commission to the Secretary for Scotland on 12th February last,

There were laid before the Council letters from the Universities Commission, bearing date 12th February, 1892, intimating that on that day each of the following Ordinances had been "transmitted to the Secretary for Scotland, with the request that it be laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889," *viz.*:—

Ordinance No. 11, General No. 6—Regulations for Degrees in Arts.

Ordinance No. 12, General No. 7—Regulations for Degrees in Science.

Ordinance No. 13, General No. 8—Regulations as to Examinations.

Ordinance No. 15, Aberdeen No. 1—Regulations for Degrees in Medicine.

are referred to Committee on Draft Ordinances.

On the motion of Patrick Cooper, A.M., seconded by Robert J. Garden, M.D., it was resolved that the aforesaid communications be referred to the Committee on Draft Ordinances, with instructions to consider the Ordinances forwarded therewith, and to report thereon to the Council—if so advised.

Thereafter, Standing Order No. 6 having been suspended, there were laid before the Council copies of—

Also, an Ordinance forwarded to Secretary for Scotland on 4th March, and

(1) Ordinance No. 17, General No. 10 (Regulations as to Assistants and Lecturers), made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners, and by them transmitted, on 4th March, to the Secretary for Scotland with the request that it be laid before both Houses of Parliament in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, and

a Memorial anent Graduation in Law,

(2) Memorial to the Scottish Universities Commission on Graduation in Law in the Scottish Universities, signed by representatives of the Faculties of Law in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen.

are both referred to Committee on Draft Ordinances.

On the motion of Patrick Cooper, A.M., seconded by D. M. M. Milligan, A.M., it was agreed to remit the above to the Committee on Draft Ordinances for consideration, and report—if so advised.

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On the motion of Robert J. Garden, M.D., it was unanimously resolved—"That there be recorded in the Minutes of Council an expression of the general feeling of pleasure and satisfaction with which the members had heard that Her Majesty the Queen had been pleased to honour the Principal of the University by conferring on him the dignity of Knighthood".

The Council congratulate the Principal on the dignity of Knighthood conferred on him.

The Principal thanked the Council very warmly for their congratulations.

Notice of a motion by Mr. W. T. Fyfe for next meeting.

Wm. T. Fyfe, A.M., then gave notice that at next meeting he would move—

"(1) That, considering the great and increasing difficulties encountered by University Graduates in seeking appointments as teachers in the large public schools, and the serious loss to the University arising from the inadequacy of its present arrangements for the education and professional equipment of intending teachers, this Council is of opinion that the institution of a thorough system of training for teachers, such as will be at least equivalent to 'Training College experience,' is one of the foremost wants of the University, and ought to be proceeded with at once.

"(2) That a representation be transmitted to the University Court in terms of the previous motion."

The Meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXIV.
13th April, 1892.

On the thirteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, the Principal in the Chair.

After Prayer by the President, in the unavoidable absence of the Clerk, through indisposition, Mr. P. J. Anderson, on the motion of the Chairman, was requested to act as *interim* Clerk, and consented.

The Minutes of last meeting, held 5th March, 1892, were approved.

Ordinances Nos. 17, 18, 19, have been laid before Parliament.

There were laid on the table letters from the Scottish University Commissioners intimating that the following Ordinances had been laid before Parliament on 10th March, 11th March, and 29th March respectively, viz. :—

Ordinance No. 17 [General, No. 10—Regulations as to Assistants and Lecturers.]

Ordinance No. 18 [General, No. 9—Regulations for Graduation of Women and for their Instruction in the Universities.]

Ordinance No. 19 (St. Andrews, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, No. 2—Libraries.]

Report from Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances.

Alex. Bain, LL.D., Convener of the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances, gave in from the Committee the following Report, which, having been printed, was held as read, viz. :—

I.—New Ordinances.

The Committee has met and considered the following Ordinances made by the Scottish University Commissioners, and referred by the General Council to this Committee, viz. :—

Ordinance No. 11. [General, No. 6.—Regulations for Degrees in Arts.]

Ordinance No. 12. [General, No. 7.—Regulations for Degrees in Science.]

Ordinance No. 13. [General, No. 8.—Regulations as to Examinations.]

Ordinance No. 15. [Aberdeen, No. 1.—Regulations for Degrees in Medicine.]

Ordinance No. 17. [General, No. 10.—Regulations as to Assistants and Lecturers.]

In connection with those Ordinances there were laid before the Committee—

Reports by Committees to the General Council of the University of Glasgow,

Report of the Proceedings of a Special Meeting of that Council held on the 16th of March curt., and 13th April, 1892.

Letter dated 17th March curt. from the Clerk of the General Council of Glasgow University to the Clerk of this Council, transmitting the Reports above-mentioned, and inviting joint action to obtain the alteration of the Ordinances in several respects.

The Committee regrets to find that the Commissioners have not given effect to many of the amendments which were proposed by this Council; but, while acknowledging the assistance derived from the perusal of the papers received from the Glasgow University Council, the Committee is of opinion that the time for criticising details is past, and that any action on the part of the Council should now be confined to two objectionable features in Ordinance No. 11. [General, No. 6.—Regulations for Degrees in Arts.]

These are the anomalous position assigned to Mathematics in the ordinary course for the Degree of M.A., and the introduction of Compulsory Greek into the Honours course in Mental Philosophy.

A.—*Mathematics in the Ordinary Course.*

Section IV., Sub-Section (2) of Ordinance, No. 11, provides that "Attendance on a class . . . in Mathematics shall not qualify for graduation, unless the candidate, before entering the class, has passed the Preliminary Examination in that subject, and on the higher standard".

Section VII., provides that: "(1) Candidates shall attend full courses in at least seven subjects, and shall be examined on these subjects. (2) Of these subjects four must be (*a*) . . .; (*b*) . . .; (*c*) . . .; (*d*) Mathematics or Natural Philosophy."

It is submitted that the effect of these provisions will be very heavily to handicap Mathematics (attendance on which will be allowed only after passing the Preliminary Examination in Mathematics *on the higher standard*) as against Natural Philosophy (attendance on which will be allowed after passing in Mathematics *on the lower standard*). It would seem that this inequality has been introduced into the Ordinance *per incuriam*, as it did not appear in the Draft Ordinance; and no similar inequality is created in connection with the other alternative pairs of subjects enumerated in Section VII., Sub-Section (2).

It is recommended that the inequality be removed by inserting in Section IV., Sub-Section (2), at the end of the first sentence, the words: "And attendance on a class in Natural Philosophy shall not qualify for graduation, unless the candidate, before entering the class, has passed the Pre-

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liminary Examination in Dynamics". This addition is desirable for three reasons :—

(1) It would bring about that in no case should one of two alternative paths to the degree be rendered unfairly easy, as compared with the other.
(2) It would assign a definite function to the Dynamics of the Preliminary Examination.
(3) It would secure for the Professor of Natural Philosophy students having some acquaintance with the rudiments of his subject.

B.—*Compulsory Greek in Honours in Mental Philosophy.*

By Section XII. Sub-Section (2) of Ordinance No. 11, it is provided that "*Greek* shall be compulsory for candidates for Honours in Mental Philosophy".

Assuming that this does not mean the inclusion of Greek among the subjects of examination for Mental Philosophy Honours, it must be regarded as implying that no one proposing to become a candidate for these Honours can embrace any one of the alternatives in the M.A. course where Greek does not come in; in short, the Greek option is not to be permitted to such candidates.

The objections to such a regulation are very formidable. In the first place, provided a student can show the knowledge requisite for obtaining Honours, to inquire into the means whereby he has attained this knowledge is an unwarrantable intrusion which serves no end.

In the second place, it is well understood that for a high knowledge, even of Greek Philosophy itself, Greek is not now indispensable. In point of fact, the Modern Languages are of much more value for this end. If the study of Greek should in any way interfere with proficiency in French and German, to pursue it would make a bad bargain. In all probability, the arrangement of hours in the Arts Classes will have to be such that the attendance on Greek would be incompatible with the attendance on some other language, say German.

In the third place, Greek must be begun at School with a view to being followed out at College. Now, suppose a student begins his course by taking Latin as the alternative of the classical pair, and develops an aptitude for Philosophy by the end of his second winter, he is precluded from going in for Philosophy Honours, it being no longer practicable for him to go back upon Greek.

The Committee therefore recommends the Council to use whatever means may still be open for preventing the final enactment of this provision.

II.—Graduation in Law.

The Committee has also considered the Memorial on Graduation in Law, presented by the Faculty of Law in the University of Edinburgh, and by Professors of Law in the Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen, to the Scottish University Commissioners, which was referred by the General Council to this Committee. 13th April, 1892.

The Committee, being of opinion that the subject referred to in the Memorial involved the consideration of details, which could be more conveniently dealt with by a Sub-Committee, remitted to its Law Sub-Committee to consider and report upon the proposals contained in the Memorial.

The Report of the Sub-Committee is as follows :—

"The Memorial on Graduation in Law, referred by the Committee of Council to the Sub-Committee, consists of two Draft Ordinances, submitted by the Edinburgh University Court to the Scottish Universities Commission, with reference to the Degrees of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), and Bachelor of Law (B.L.), with certain amendments proposed thereon by the Memorialists.

"The Sub-Committee would specially refer the Committee to the B.L. Draft Ordinance, Section III., as proposed to be amended (page 5 of the Memorial), from which it will be observed that the Memorialists hold almost entirely the same views as those urged by the Sub-Committee, in its Report presented to the Committee of Council in June, 1890, as to the course required for the B.L. Degree. With reference to that matter, and to the course for the Degree of LL.B., the Sub-Committee now approves of the Edinburgh Ordinances as proposed to be amended, with this alteration, that for the words 'eighty lectures,' wherever they occur in the Draft Ordinances, there should be substituted the words, 'one hundred meetings of the class at eighty at least of which lectures shall be delivered'. It will be observed from the Memorial that Professor Rankine, of Edinburgh, is of opinion that in each case a course of lectures should consist of one hundred meetings of the class. It is customary in the University of Aberdeen for the Professor of Law to examine his class orally from time to time. This may or may not be at ordinary meetings of the class, but the Sub-Committee agrees with Professor Rankine that one hundred meetings are not too many for a course, although lectures need not be delivered at all of them. In view of the system of oral examination above mentioned, for which by the proposal now made twenty days of each course would be available, the Sub-Committee recommends the amendment above proposed.

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"One other point presents itself to the Sub-Committee. The Edinburgh Draft Ordinance provides that no one shall be admitted to the Degree of LL.B., unless he be a graduate in Arts, or hold an equivalent degree. It is proposed by the Memorialists to amend this, to the effect of admitting to the Degree any one who may hold the Degree of B.L. of a Scottish University.

"The Sub-Committee is not inclined to acquiesce in this proposed amendment. If the Regulation stand as in the Edinburgh Draft Ordinance, the Degree of LL.B. implying, as it does, the Degree of M.A. will always be held by those who, apart from their legal learning, will be bound to have a considerable amount of general culture. This latter is not by any means necessary to the acquisition of the B.L. Degree, and to adopt the amendment proposed by the Memorialists would be to detract from the value of the Degree of LL.B., and to make it merely a criterion of an advanced knowledge in law, without that accompaniment of general learning which is desirable. The Sub-Committee would, therefore, recommend to the Committee to abide by the Edinburgh Draft Ordinance on this matter.

"In other respects, the Sub-Committee's views are in entire harmony with the Edinburgh Draft Ordinance as proposed to be amended, and it is very satisfactory that the previous recommendations adopted by the Committee and the Council have been so far given effect to."

The Committee, having considered the Report of the Sub-Committee, is of opinion that the recommendations contained therein should be adopted by the Council.

A. BAIN, *Convener.*

On the motion of Alex. Bain, LL.D., seconded by Angus Fraser, A.M., M.D., it was resolved—"That the Council approve of Part I. of the Report of the Committee on Ordinance No. 11, as finally adjusted by the Commission; and, with a view to giving effect to the recommendations respecting (A)—Mathematics in the ordinary course, and (B)—Compulsory Greek in Honours in Mental Philosophy, direct copies of Part I. of the Report to be sent to the Universities Commission, to the Secretary for Scotland, to the Lord Advocate, and to the Members of Parliament for the University, City, and County".

On the motion of D. M. M. Milligan, A.M., seconded by Patrick Cooper, A.M., it was further resolved—"That Part II. of the Report of the Committee on 'Graduation in Law' be adopted by the Council and remitted to the Committee with instructions to prepare a Memorial giving effect thereto, and transmit the same to the University Commissioners".

By leave of the Council, the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., made a statement regarding the desirability of instituting an Entrance Examination for all students, whether intending to graduate or not. **13th April, 1892.** Statement by Rev. Dr. Salmond anent Entrance Examination.

Wm. T. Fyfe, A.M., in terms of notice given at last meeting, moved—"That, considering the great and increasing difficulties encountered by University graduates in seeking appointments as teachers in the large public schools, and the serious loss to the University arising from the inadequacy of its present arrangements for the education and professional equipment of intending teachers, this Council is of opinion that the institution of a thorough system of training for teachers, such as will be at least equivalent to 'Training College experience,' is one of the foremost wants of the University, and ought to be proceeded with at once".

Motion by Wm. T. Fyfe anent training of teachers.

This motion was seconded by Jas. Souter, A.M., Woodside, and was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Fyfe, by leave of the Council, withdrew the second part of the motion of which he had given notice at last meeting.

In accordance with notice duly given, Patrick Cooper, A.M., moved, and Alex. Bain, LL.D., seconded—"That all Ordinances made by the Scottish University Commissioners, as well as Draft Ordinances issued by them, be referred to the Committee of Council on University Changes and Draft Ordinances for consideration and report".

Committee anent Draft Ordinances to report on Ordinances as well.

This was unanimously agreed to.

According to notice duly given, it was moved by Patrick Cooper, A.M., that the Business Committee and the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances be both reappointed, the name of C. B. Davidson, Aberdeen, being added to the latter.

The Business Committee and the Committee on Draft Ordinances are reappointed.

On the motion of Dr. Bain, the Council then adjourned to meet on Saturday, 27th August ensuing, at 1 P.M.

Council adjourns to 27th August.

The meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

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27th Aug., 1892.

On the twenty-seventh day of August, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, by adjournment from the statutory half-yearly meeting held 13th April, 1892.

In the absence of the Chancellor, Rector, Principal, Chancellor's Assessor, and Rector's Assessor, Alex. Bain, A.M., LL.D., was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting.

After Prayer by the Rev. James Smith, A.M., B.D. (St. George's-in-the-West),

In the absence of the Clerk of Council, Patrick Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen, was appointed Clerk of the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting, held 13th April, 1892, were approved.

The Secretary for Scotland submits copies of Annual Reports (Statistics and Finance) for 1890-91.

There were laid before the Council, from the Secretary for Scotland (under date 26th April, 1892), in terms of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, copies of the following Reports made to him by the University Court of the University of Aberdeen, viz. :—

(1) Report as to Statistics of the University of Aberdeen, for the year from 1st October, 1890, to 30th September, 1891;

(2) Abstract of Accounts of the University of Aberdeen, for the year ending 15th September, 1891.

The Council referred the foregoing to the Business Committee for consideration and report.

Ords. No. 9, 10, 15, 19, have been approved by the Queen in Council.

There were laid before the Council, from the Scottish Universities Commission, copies of Orders of Her Majesty in Council, all of date 5th August, 1892, approving of the following Ordinances made by the Commissioners, viz. :—

Ordinance No. 9 [General, No. 4—General Council].

Ordinance No. 10 [General, No. 5—Assessors of General Council].

Ordinance No. 15 [Aberdeen, No. 1—Regulations for Degrees in Medicine].

Ordinance No. 19 [St. Andrews, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, No. 2—Libraries].

Powers of the Commission are further continued until 1st Jan., 1894.

There was laid before the Council, from the Secretary for Scotland, copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, of date 5th August, 1892, further continuing, under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, the powers of the Scottish University Commissioners until 1st January, 1894.

The meeting then closed with the Apostolical Benediction.

(Signed) A. BAIN.

On the twelfth day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair. **LXV.** 12th Oct., 1892.

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 27th August, 1892, were approved.

A Report submitted by the Business Committee upon the two Annual Reports of the University for 1890-91 (Statistics and Finance), which were remitted to the Committee at last meeting, having been printed and circulated, was held as read. **Report of the Business Committee on the Annual Reports of the University for 1890-91.**

The Committee reported that—

(1) The Report as to Statistics, compiled in form instructed by the Scottish University Commissioners, contains information under the following heads, viz.:—

I. List of University Officers, showing, for each salaried Officer, the official income from all sources.
II. Additions to the Teaching Staff during the year.
III. Total number of Students. Number of Students matriculated in each Faculty. Number of Students in each Class.
IV. Degrees granted in each Faculty. Number of Graduates with Honours. Number of Honorary Graduates.
V. Number of Members of General Council.
VI. Details of any new Foundations, Legacies, or other Benefactions, whether for Chairs, Bursaries, Scholarships, Buildings or other purposes.
VII. Number of Books added to the Library.

(2) The Abstract of Accounts contains a Report on the state of the Finances of the University for the year ending 15th September, 1891, exhibited under twenty-five special Accounts, with a Balance Account at 15th September, 1891—all as printed in the University *Calendar* for 1892-3 (pp. 352-374), and four Appendices.

The Committee further stated in their Report that "the two Reports now under consideration of the Committee have been issued as Parliamentary papers, and are thus easily accessible to all".

The Report was adopted.

Patrick Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen, gave notice "that at next statutory meeting of Council he would move an alteration of Standing Order No. 7, so as to provide for the despatch to Members of Council of copies of such papers only as the Business Committee may think it expedient to print". **Notice of a motion for an alteration of Standing Order No. 7.**

12th Oct., 1892.

Business Committee to report anent discontinuance of a written Minute-book.

The Clerk reported that the volume containing the Council's Minutes in manuscript, which was commenced 10th October, 1860, was now nearly filled, and, thereupon, the Council having allowed the Standing Orders to be suspended, it was moved by Patrick Cooper, A.M., and unanimously resolved, that it be remitted to the Business Committee to report to next statutory meeting of Council whether the Council might dispense in future with a written Minute-book, care being taken that a copy or copies of the prints be sufficiently authenticated.

Ordinances No. 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, have been approved by the Queen in Council.

There were laid before the Council, received from the Scottish Universities Commission since last meeting, copies of Orders of Her Majesty in Council, all of date 28th June, 1892, approving of the following Ordinances made by the Commissioners, viz. :—

Ordinance No. 11, General, No. 6—Regulations for Degrees in Arts.

Ordinance No. 12, General, No. 7—Regulations for Degrees in Science.

Ordinance No. 13, General, No. 8—Regulations as to Examinations.

Ordinance No. 17, General, No. 10—Regulations for Assistants and Lecturers.

Ordinance No. 18, General, No. 9—Regulations for the Graduation of Women and for their Instruction in the Universities.

Business Committee.

According to notice duly given, it was moved by Patrick Cooper, A.M., and resolved that the Business Committee be reappointed, the name of Wm. T. Fyfe, A.M., who had left Aberdeen, being removed by request, and that of D. M. M. Milligan, A.M., Aberdeen, being substituted instead.

Meeting adjourned.

On the motion of Dr. Bain, the Council then adjourned till Saturday, 4th March, 1893, at 1 P.M.

The meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

On the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met, by adjournment from the statutory half-yearly meeting held 12th October, 1892—the Principal in the Chair. **LXVa. 4th March, 1893.**

After Prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 12th October, 1892, were approved.

Draft Ordinances issued by the Commission.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following Draft Ordinances, all issued 19th December, 1892, with intimation in the case of each that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commissioners in writing, expires on 19th March next, viz.:—

(1) Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, No. 1—Regulations as to application of Parliamentary Grants, as to Salaries, and for the Institution of a Fee Fund, and for other purposes;

(2) General, No. 11—Composition of the Faculties and Institution of Faculties of Science;

(3) General, No. 12—Pensions to Principals and Professors;

(4) Aberdeen, No. 2—Foundation of Professorship of History;

and also copies of the following, viz.:—

(5) Memorandum with reference to Draft Ordinance [Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, No. 1];

(6) Letter, of date 17th January, 1893, from the Secretary of the Universities Commission, communicating terms of certain amendments which the Commissioners propose to make in revising the above Financial Ordinance.

Report on the above by the Committee.

The Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances, having considered the foregoing Draft Ordinances and relative papers, submitted a Report thereon, which having been printed and circulated was held as read.

Alexander Bain, A.M., LL.D., Aberdeen, the Convener of the Committee, moved that the Council approve and adopt the several recommendations of the Committee under these headings following, viz.:—

4th March, 1893. DRAFT ORDINANCE—GLASGOW, ABERDEEN, AND EDINBURGH, No. 1—PARLIAMENTARY GRANTS, ETC.

I. With reference to the proposed salaries of Professors in the Faculty of Arts (Schedule II.—Aberdeen) the Committee reported :—

"It will be observed that a distinction is made in the Arts Faculty between two sets of Chairs, namely, on the one hand, Latin, Greek, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy, and on the other, Logic, Moral Philosophy, English, and History, under which the former are to be remunerated at a higher figure than the latter. The maximum for the first is £800, and the minimum £600; for the second the maximum is £700, and the minimum £500. Now it appears to the Committee that, in the future conduct of those Chairs as determined by the Degree Ordinances, there will be nothing in the comparative laboriousness of the two sets to justify any such distinction; while, if the rarity of the qualifications is considered, there will be an equal absence of any ground for the pecuniary difference. The Committee is therefore of opinion that, in assigning the total sum allowed for those eight Arts Professors, no such difference should be made between them as is proposed. That is to say, there should be a uniform maximum of £750, and a minimum of £550."

As an amendment to the foregoing, it was moved by P. J. Anderson, A.M., LL.B., Aberdeen, that the Council recommend that the Professorship of Natural Philosophy be placed on a separate footing as to salary, and that the normal salary attached to the Chair be the same as that of the Chair of Chemistry, it being understood that the Professor teach the class required for Students of Medicine.

After consideration, the above amendment on the report was unanimously agreed to, and subject to this alteration the Committee's recommendation as to salaries in the Faculty of Arts was approved and adopted.

II. With reference to the salary proposed for the Professor of Hebrew and Oriental Languages the Committee reported :—

"With regard to the Chair of Hebrew and Oriental Languages, it should be observed that under the Draft Ordinance, General, No. 11, after-mentioned, it is proposed to place that Chair in the Faculty of Arts as well as in the Faculty of Divinity, while in the above scale of salaries it is intended that the normal or maximum salary should be £450, and the minimum £350. The Committee is of opinion that this is a serious injustice to the Chair, as the duties of the Professor are to be increased, while his remuneration is to be so much less than that of the other Professors. Since the issue of the Draft Ordinance, the Commissioners have

intimated that they propose to raise 'somewhat' the emoluments of the Chair of Hebrew in all the Universities. No definite sum, however, is named by them; and it is therefore recommended that the Chair of Hebrew and Oriental Languages in this University should be put on the same footing, in the matter of salary, as the other Chairs in the Faculty of Arts." 4th March, 1893.

The Council unanimously approved and adopted this section of the report.

III. Section 10 of the Draft Ordinance provides that—

"The whole revenues of each University, including any surplus income arising upon the respective Fee Funds, shall, in so far as not specifically appropriated by any Act of Parliament, Ordinance, Deed of Endowment, or other instrument in force at the time, be applied by the University Court for the following purposes, which shall rank according to the order in which they are named, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained".

The fifth purpose, as stated in Sub-section (5), is :—

"5. Making due provision for the remuneration of Lecturers and Assistants, and of such additional Lecturers and Assistants as the Court may think fit to appoint, and of such additional Professors as may be appointed with consent of the Universities Committee in terms of Section 6, Sub-section 10, of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889."

The Committee expressed its views on this Sub-section in these terms following, viz. :—

"It appears to the Committee that due provision for the remuneration of Examiners has been omitted from the section before quoted, and it is accordingly recommended that the remuneration of Examiners be provided for in the same manner as is proposed with regard to that of Lecturers and Assistants. The section above quoted should be amended accordingly."

The Council unanimously approved and adopted this recommendation of the Committee.

Draft Ordinance—Aberdeen, No. 2—Foundation of Professorship of History.

IV. The Committee reported :—

"By this Ordinance it is proposed to institute in the Faculty of Arts in this University a Professorship of History, the patronage of which shall be vested in the University Court. The Committee hails with satisfaction the announcement of so important an addition to the teaching power of the University, but regrets that no provision is apparently intended for the improvement of the Faculty of Law. It is understood that the original Chair of History in the Uni-

4th March, 1893. versity of Edinburgh is, in future, to be confined to the Faculty of Law, and that a new Chair of History is to be established in the Faculty of Arts. From the greater size of that University it may be necessary that there should be two separate Chairs, one for each Faculty; but it is thought that, for a time at least, the new Professorship of History in this University might with propriety be attached to both Faculties of Arts and Law; and that, until further provision can be made for the Faculty of Law, the Professor of History should be required to lecture on Constitutional Law and History in the latter Faculty as well as on History in the former."

The Council approved of the above views of the Committee with reference to this Draft Ordinance and adopted the same.

DRAFT ORDINANCE—GENERAL, No. 11—COMPOSITION OF THE FACULTIES, ETC.

The Committee reported that, consequently upon the above recommendation (No. IV.), this Draft Ordinance would fall to be altered by the insertion of the word "History" after "Medical Jurisprudence," in Section III. (4).

The Council approved.

On the motion of Patrick Cooper, A.M., Aberdeen, it was unanimously resolved to remit to the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances to prepare a Memorial embodying the Committee's recommendations as above approved, and transmit the same to the University Commissioners.

Annual Reports of the University for 1891-2. There was read a letter, of date 23rd February, 1893, from the Under Secretary for Scotland, transmitting to the General Council, in terms of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, copies of the Annual Reports of the University Court of the University of Aberdeen, viz.:—

(1) Reports as to Statistics, for the year from 1st October, 1891, to 30th September, 1892;

(2) Abstract of Accounts of the University, for the year ended 15th September, 1892.

The Council referred the foregoing to the Business Committee for consideration and report.

The meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

On the twelfth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair. **LXVI.** **12th April, 1893.**

After Prayer by the President—

Attention having been called by Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, to the fact that, in the Minutes of last meeting, held 4th March, 1893, the Report by the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances had not been engrossed *in extenso*, but only an abstract thereof embodying the resolutions adopted by the Council, it was pointed out by the President that the form of the draft was in accordance with use and wont, and, thereupon, the Minutes of said last meeting, as submitted, were approved.

An instruction anent printing Reports of Committees, and

The Standing Orders having been suspended, on the motion of Mr. Cooper, it was unanimously resolved—"That, unless the Council otherwise determine, every Report of a Committee, when received by the Council, shall be entered on the Minutes".

notice of motion thereanent.

Mr. Cooper then gave notice that at next statutory meeting he would move that the foregoing resolution be a Standing Order of the Council.

Alteration of Standing Order No. 7.

According to notice given at last statutory meeting, Patrick Cooper, M.A., moved—"That Standing Order No. 7 be amended by leaving out the words, 'the printed papers which are to be laid before the meeting,' and inserting the words, 'such papers as the Business Committee may deem it expedient to have printed'".

This motion was unanimously approved and adopted, and the Council resolved in terms thereof.

Reports by Business Committee anent—

There were submitted three Reports as under from the Business Committee, viz.:—

I. Written Minute-book of the Council;

I. Report anent the written Minute-book of the General Council, on the remit made to the Committee thereanent at last statutory meeting:—

12th April, 1893.

"The Business Committee, having considered the remit made to it to report 'whether the Council might dispense in future with a written Minute-book, care being taken that a copy or copies of the prints be sufficiently authenticated,' finds that there are difficulties connected with the due authentication of a printed copy of the approved Minutes. Owing to the infrequency of the meetings of Council, a considerable period, it may be a twelvemonth or longer, may elapse ere the printer is in a position to go to press with matter sufficient to make up a complete sheet of the approved Minutes. Not until after the copies of each sheet, with the signature of the Chairman of each meeting in print, have been struck off, can the Clerk be put in possession of a copy thereof, with the printed signatures withdrawn, to be submitted to the Chairman, or the several Chairmen, as the case may be, for signature, as the official copy of the Council's Minutes. The Committee is of opinion that the Minutes, after approval, ought not through delay to be thus exposed to any difficulty in the way of due authentication by the Chairman's signature; and the Committee therefore recommends that, for the present at least, the official written Minute-book be kept up."

The Council unanimously approved and adopted the above Report, and resolved in terms thereof.

II. Annual Reports of the University for 1891-2;

II. Report anent the Annual Reports of the University for 1891-2, on the remit made to the Committee at last meeting:—

"In terms of the Order of Reference by the General Council [4th March, 1893] the Business Committee has taken into consideration the following Reports which were laid before the Council by the Secretary for Scotland pursuant to the Statute, viz.:—

(1) Report as to Statistics of the University of Aberdeen, from 1st October, 1891, to 30th September, 1892; and

(2) Abstract of Accounts of the University of Aberdeen, for the year ending 15th September, 1892.

"These Reports have been issued as Parliamentary papers, and can thus be obtained by Members of Council at a nominal charge. The Committee therefore deems it unnecessary to have them reprinted *in extenso*, but submits to the Council the following comparison between the principal items in the Statistical Reports for the two years 1890-91 and 1891-92.

(1) Number of Students.

Faculties.

	1890-91.	1891-92.	Increase or Decrease.
Arts	404	374	− 30
Divinity	28	22	− 6
Law	24	46	+ 22
Medicine { Winter ...	399	439	+ 40
Medicine { Summer ...	67*	33*	− 34
Total	922	914	− 8

* These represent only new students, *i.e.*, such as were not matriculated in any Faculty for the previous Winter Session.

(2) Number of Students in each Class.

Arts.

	1890-91.	1891-92.	Increase or Decrease.
Greek, Junior	106	91	− 15
„ Senior	101	83	− 18
Humanity, Junior	104	96	− 8
„ Senior	103	86	− 17
Mathematics, Junior	96	84	− 12
„ Senior	79	87	+ 8
„ Advanced	6	4	− 2
Logic, ...	91	88	− 3
English, ...	109	105	− 4
Natural Philosophy, Junior	87	100	+ 13
„ Senior (General)	12	10	− 2
„ Senior (Math.) ...	8	6	− 2
Moral Philosophy	93	76	− 17
Natural History	106	97	− 9

Divinity.

Systematic Theology	28	21	− 7
Church History	16	12	− 4
Biblical Criticism	16	21	+ 5
Hebrew, Senior Class	10	6	− 4
„ Junior Class...	6	7	+ 1
„ Tutorial (Arts IV.)	10	15	+ 5

Law.

Conveyancing†	24	—	+ 22
Scots Law†	—	46	
Medical Jurisprudence (Summer) ...	4	4	—

† Classes in alternate Winter Sessions.

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Medicine.

WINTER SESSION.

	1890-91.	1891-92.	Increase or Decrease.
Botany (Laboratory)	—	2	+ 2
Natural History	6	6	——
Chemistry	133	146	+13
„ (Laboratory)	—	3	+ 3
Anatomy	172	172	——
Practical Anatomy	298	298	——
Institutes of Medicine	170	133	- 37
Materia Medica	104	98	- 6
Pathological Anatomy) „ (Laboratory))	81	106	+25
Surgery	210	198	-12
Practice of Medicine	84	109	+25
Midwifery	79	99	+20
Practical Hygiene and Laboratory ...	3	—	- 3
Medical Jurisprudence (Laboratory)	—	2	+ 2

SUMMER SESSION.

Physics	—	22	+22
Botany	154	147	- 7
Natural History	135	117	-18
Practical Natural History	21	15	- 6
Practical Chemistry) „ (Laboratory))	109	101	- 8
Practical Anatomy	268	253	-15
Practical Physiology	89	68	-21
„ Midwifery	—	30	+30
Practical Mat. Medica and Pharmacy...	73	69	- 4
Practical Pathology) „ (Laboratory))	94	96	+ 2
Medical Jurisprudence	117	110	- 7
Practical Hygiene	5	9	+ 4
Practical Hygiene and Laboratory ...	6	3	- 3
Operative Surgery	100	93	- 7

(3) DEGREES GRANTED.

Arts—M.A.	70	60	-10
Of which with Honours :—			
Classics, 1st Class	5	2	- 3
„ 2nd Class	2	6	+ 4
Mathematics, 1st Class	—	—	——
„ 2nd Class	5	2	- 3
Mental Philosophy, 1st Class ...	4	2	- 2
„ 2nd Class ...	3	7	+ 4
Natural Science, 1st Class ...	2	2	——

	1890-91.	1891-92.	Increase or Decrease.
Science, B.Sc.	2	2	——
Divinity, B.D.	9	7	− 2
Of which with Honours ...	3	—	− 3
D.D.—Honorary	6	6	——
Law—LL.D.—Honorary	8	8	——
Medicine—M.D.	16	24	+ 8
Of which with Honours ...	1	3	+ 2
M.B. and C.M.	68	71	+ 3
Of which with Honours :—			
1st Class	3	1	− 2
2nd Class	8	8	——
Total number of Degrees granted ...	179	164	− 15
„ Degrees with Honours	36	33	− 3
„ Honorary Degrees ...	14	14	——
(4) General Council.			
Number of Members of General Council	3330	3431	+ 101
(5) Library.			
Number of Books added to the Library, about	1300	1350	+ 50
Including presented Works, upwards of...	200	250	+ 50."

The Council unanimously approved and adopted the foregoing Report.

III. Report anent list of Members of Council as printed in the University *Calendar* :— III. List of Members of Council in *Calendar*.

"The Business Committee wish to direct the attention of the Council to the manner in which the lists of Members of Council are printed in the *Calendars* of the four Scottish Universities. Specimen entries, taken at random from the lists, are appended.

Aberdeen.

Anderson, Alex., A.M., London.
„ Alex., A.M., Edinburgh.
„ Alex., A.M., Elgin.

St. Andrews.

Brown, William, M.A., Teacher, 13 Louisa Terrace, West Ferry, Dundee.
„ Rev. William, M.A., B.D., 1 Kincardine Street, Montrose.
„ William, M.A., Sheriff-Substitute, Aberdeen.

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GLASGOW.

Kerr, John, M.A., Teacher, 16 Grafton Street, Glasgow.
„ John, B.L., Solicitor, Kilmarnock.
„ John, M.B., Townhead, Beith.

EDINBURGH.

Davidson, Robert, Min., Church of Scot., St. Cyrus, Montrose. B.D., '77
„ Robert, M.B., 19 Lennox Street, Edinburgh. M.A., '80
„ Robert, Solicitor, 26 Crossgate, Cupar. B.L., '80

"In the Aberdeen *Calendar* alone it will be observed that no attempt is made to give a designation or a sufficient postal address. The Aberdeen list has, indeed, been hitherto well-nigh useless for purposes of identification or communication. As the *Calendar* list is compiled from the *Register* and the *Registration Book* (kept in each University, in form prescribed by the Act 31 and 32 Vict. Cap. 48, Schedules E and F) there seems to be no reason why the information given in the Aberdeen *Calendar* should not be made as full as that in the *Calendars* of the other Universities. A valuable feature of the Edinburgh list is the insertion of the date of the qualifying degree, the inclusion of which converts a mere catalogue of addresses into a record of historic value. Such a record is also given in the *Calendars* of Oxford and Cambridge.

"It is understood that the next edition of the Aberdeen *Calendar* is to be recast in connection with the numerous changes introduced by recent Ordinances, and with the intention of its appearing in future at a different period of the year. It seems, therefore, to the Committee that a fitting opportunity offers for enlarging the list of Members of Council, so as to give it at once greater interest and greater practical utility. In view of the approaching celebration of the Quater-centenary of the University, it is especially desirable to have readily accessible a means of communicating with all the graduates of the University.

"The Committee accordingly recommends that it be instructed to cause the Register or list of Members appended to the University *Calendar* to be supplemented by the insertion therein of the designations and postal addresses of Members, and for that purpose to obtain such clerical assistance as may be required. In subsequent years the annual correction of the *Calendar* list would not involve more labour than at present.

"The Committee also recommends that the date of the

qualifying degree be inserted in the *Register* made up annually, as well as in the *Registration Book*—as is done in the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and Edinburgh. The Committee would further suggest that the form 'A.M.' should be replaced by the form 'M.A.,' as used in the other Universities, and in Schedule E of the Act above referred to." 12th April 1893.

After discussion, the Council resolved to alter the paragraph before the last in the above Report so as to read:—

"The Committee accordingly recommends that it be instructed to take steps to have the *Register* or list of Members appended to the University *Calendar* supplemented by the insertion therein of the designations and postal addresses of members, and for that purpose to obtain such clerical assistance as may be required. In subsequent years the annual correction of the *Calendar* list would not involve much more labour than at present."

Subject to the foregoing alteration, the Report was approved and adopted, and the Business Committee was instructed in terms thereof.

Communication from the University Court anent celebration of the Quatercentenary of the University.

The following letter from the Secretary of the University Court to the Clerk of the General Council, being in the print now before the Council, was held as read, viz.:—

"UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ABERDEEN,
"22*nd March*, 1893.

"DEAR SIR,

"The University Court of the University of Aberdeen having appointed a Committee to inquire into and report upon the proposed celebration of the four-hundredth anniversary of the Foundation of the University, the Committee have resolved to invite the General Council to appoint, not later than 12th prox., a small Committee, of not more than five members, to confer with the Committee of the University Court regarding arrangements for a celebration adequate to the occasion.

"I am, etc., etc.,
"ROBERT WALKER,
"*Secretary of the University Court.*"

On the motion of P. J. Anderson, M.A., LL.B., it was unanimously resolved that such Committee be appointed; and the following were named members thereof, viz.: The Rev. Jas. Cooper, M.A., D.D., Aberdeen; Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen; David Craib, M.A., Aberdeen; Surgeon Lieut.-Col. Wm. Johnston, M.A., M.D., Aberdeen; the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, M.A., D.D., Aberdeen.

12th April, 1883. Business Committee.

According to notice duly given, it was moved by Patrick Cooper, M.A., and unanimously resolved, that the Business Committee be reappointed.

The meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXVIa. 17th June, 1893.

A Requisition, dated the 26th May, 1893, having been submitted to me under Section 8 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, by a Quorum of Members of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen, for a Special Meeting of said Council to be convened for the despatch of business, and, in particular, for the purpose of considering certain Draft Ordinances relating to the University of Aberdeen recently issued by the Scottish Universities Commissioners, and of passing such resolutions, and making such orders thereanent as the said Council may deem expedient,

I hereby convene such SPECIAL MEETING of the GENERAL COUNCIL of the UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN to be held within Marischal College Buildings, in the University of Aberdeen, on Saturday, the 17th day of June, 1893, at One o'clock Afternoon.

(*Signed*) *RICHMOND AND GORDON,*
Chancellor.

May 29th, 1893.

Under and in terms of Section 8 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, pursuant to the foregoing Notice duly published, on the seventeenth day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met within the hall of the University—the Principal in the Chair.

After prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 12th April, 1893, were approved.

Four Draft Ordinances issued by the Commission on 29th April and

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following Draft Ordinances, all issued 29th April, with intimation in the case of each, that the period of three months, allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on 29th July next, viz. :—

Draft Ordinance, Aberdeen, No. 2—Foundation of Chalmers Chair of English Literature.
Draft Ordinance, Aberdeen, No. 3—Regulations as to the Duties of the Professor of Logic.
Draft Ordinance, Aberdeen, No. 4—Regulations as to University Meetings.
Draft Ordinance, Aberdeen, No. 5—Arrangements as to Sites of Classes.

Report thereon by the Committee.

The foregoing Draft Ordinances having, in agreement with the resolution of Council of 13th April, 1892, been taken into consideration by the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances, the following Report of that Committee on said Draft Ordinances was now submitted, viz. :—

17th June, 1893.

"At a Meeting of the Committee of the General Council of the University of Aberdeen on University Changes and Draft Ordinances, held within Marischal College Buildings, on Friday, the 19th day of May, 1893.

"*Sederunt*—Dr. Bain, the Rev. Dr. Smith, Dr. Ogilvie, Dr. Garden, Dr. Moir, Mr. C. B. Davidson, Mr. David Littlejohn, Mr. Alex. Mackie, Mr. H. F. Campbell, and Mr. D. M. M. Milligan—Dr. Bain in the chair.

"In the absence of Mr. Patrick Cooper, Advocate, Mr. Milligan was asked to act as Clerk to the meeting.

"The Chairman intimated that the following Draft Ordinances had been issued, viz.: Aberdeen, No. 2—Foundation of Chalmers Chair of English Literature; Aberdeen, No. 3—Regulations as to the Duties of the Professor of Logic; Aberdeen, No. 4—Regulations as to University Meetings; and Aberdeen, No. 5—Arrangements as to Sites of Classes.

"The Committee resolved to take up the consideration of Ordinance No. 5 before dealing with the others.

"After discussion, the Committee, being unanimously of opinion that it was inexpedient to tie down by express Ordinance the place of meeting of the several Classes in any Faculty, resolved to recommend to the Council that there should be substituted for the first section of the Ordinance the following: 'That the classes in the various Faculties in the University shall assemble and be taught in such portions of the University Buildings as the University Court may from time to time determine'. *Quoad ultra* the Committee approved of the Ordinance.

"With regard to Ordinance No. 4, the Committee resolved, after discussion, to recommend to the Council:—

"1. That Sub-section (1) of Section I. should be altered to read as follows, viz.: 'The Senatus Academicus shall hold its meetings in such place as the Senatus may from time to time determine'.

"2. That Sub-section (2) of Section I. should be approved of.

"3. That Sub-section (3) of Section I. should be altered to read as follows, viz.: 'The University Court shall hold its meetings in such place as the Court may from time to time determine'.

"4. That Sub-section (4) of Section I. should be deleted.

"There are none of the present usages of the University that can be classed as public installations in a technical sense. The present Chancellor was not formally installed. The Lord Rectors have been in the habit of coming down at some period of their official term to deliver an address to the students. That, however, is entirely at their own pleasure,

and there is no regulation in force to determine either time or place. The arrangement is a matter of pure convenience, and as such should be left to the discretion of the Senatus. 17th June, 1893.

"5. That *quoad ultra* the Draft Ordinance should be approved of.

"The Committee had no suggestions to make with regard to Ordinances Nos. 2 and 3, and therefore resolved to recommend to the Council that they should be approved of as drafted.

"On the motion of the Chairman, it was resolved to requisition the Chancellor of the University to summon a special meeting of the Council to be held on Saturday, the 17th day of June, 1893, at One o'clock P.M., for the purpose, in particular, of considering the above-mentioned Draft Ordinances, and of passing such resolutions and making such orders thereanent as the Council may deem expedient."

Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, in the absence of the Convener, moved that the Committee's Report on Draft Ordinances, Aberdeen, No. 2, Aberdeen, No. 3, Aberdeen, No. 4, be approved and adopted.

This was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Cooper then moved that the Report of the Committee on Draft Ordinance, Aberdeen, No. 5, be also agreed to.

On the suggestion of the Rev. Jas. Smith, LL.D., Newhills, Mr. Cooper, by leave of the Council, added to the recommendation in the Report, after "determine," the words, "after consultation with the Senatus Academicus"; and the motion of Mr. Cooper, to approve of the Report as thus altered, was then seconded by the Rev. Dr. Smith.

As an amendment, it was moved by the Rev. James Cooper, D.D., Aberdeen: "That in regard to Draft Ordinance, Aberdeen, No. 5, the Report of the Committee be not adopted, and that no action be taken".

This amendment was seconded by John F. White, M.A., LL.D., Dundee.

As a second amendment, the Rev. Jas. Simpson, M.A., Aberdeen, moved a further addendum to the Committee's recommendation, namely, the words, "but that, in the meantime, the existing arrangements should not be disturbed".

This amendment was not seconded, and therefore fell to the ground.

The amendment of the Rev. Dr. Jas. Cooper was then put against the motion of Mr. Patrick Cooper, when the latter was carried by a majority of 31 to 10, and the Report of the Committee was therefore approved, subject to the alteration embodied in the motion of Mr. Patrick Cooper.

On the motion of Mr. Patrick Cooper, the Council then

17th June, 1893. resolved that the Committee's Report, as now approved, be remitted to the Committee, with instructions to prepare and transmit to the University Commissioners a Memorial giving effect thereto.

The University Court has sanctioned the alteration of list of Members of Council in the *Calendar*.

There was read a communication from the University Court intimating that, at a meeting held 2nd May, the Court had resolved to approve of the recommendation made by the Council at last meeting with reference to alterations of the list of members of the General Council published in the *Calendar*, and that the Court had authorised the publication in the forthcoming *Calendar* of the list supplemented in the manner proposed.

Ordinances Nos. 26, 31, 32, have been laid before Parliament.

There were laid before the Council letters from the Scottish Universities Commission, bearing date 10th June, 1893, intimating that on that day each of the following Ordinances had been "transmitted to the Secretary for Scotland with the request that it be laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889," viz.:—

(1) Ordinance No. 26, Aberdeen, No. 2—Regulations as to Application of Parliamentary Grants, as to Salaries, and for the Institution of a Fee Fund, and for other purposes.

(2) Ordinance No. 31, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, No. 1—Composition of the Faculties and Institution of Faculties of Science.

(3) Ordinance No. 32, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, No. 2—Pensions to Principals and Professors.

Three Draft Ordinances issued by the Commission on 14th June.

There was also laid before the Council from the Universities Commission under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following Draft Ordinances, all issued 14th June, with intimation in the case of each, that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on 14th November next, viz.:—

Draft Ordinance, General, No. 11—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.).

Draft Ordinance, General, No. 12—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Law (B.L.).

Draft Ordinance, General, No. 13—Honorary Degrees.

The meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXVII.
11th Oct., 1893.

On the eleventh day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—in the absence of the Chancellor, Rector, Principal (owing to the nature of the first item of business), and Chancellor's Assessor, Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B., Rector's Assessor, being in the Chair.

After prayer by the Rev. James Smith, M.A., LL.D., Newhills,

In the absence of the Clerk of Council, Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, was appointed Clerk of the meeting.

Election of two Assessors.

Under, and in terms of, Ordinance No. 10, General No. 5, Section (3) of the Commissioners for the purposes of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, the Council proceeded to the Election of two Assessors of the Council in the University Court, when the following nominations were made :—

William Dey, LL.D., retired teacher, 32 Hamilton Place, Aberdeen, proposed by the Rev. Alexander Ogilvie, LL.D., Head Master, Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, and seconded by David Craib, M.A., teacher, 1 Springbank Place, Aberdeen.

Charles Brown Davidson, advocate, 15 Dee Street, Aberdeen, proposed by Alexander Mackie, M.A., teacher, King's Gate, Aberdeen, and seconded by Patrick Cooper, M.A., advocate, 42 Union Street, Aberdeen.

Whereupon, there being no other candidates nominated for the two vacancies, the Chairman declared the said Dr. William Dey and Mr. Charles Brown Davidson to be duly elected Assessors, each to enter on office immediately after 27th November, 1893, the date on which their present terms of office expire.

The Minutes of last meeting, held 17th June, 1893, were approved.

An addition to the Standing Orders.

Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, brought forward the following motion, of which notice was given by him at last statutory meeting, viz. :—

"That the following Resolution of Council be a Standing Order, viz. :—

"'Resolved [12th April, 1893] that, unless the Council otherwise determine, every Report of a Committee when received by the Council shall be entered on the Minutes'."

This motion was seconded by C. B. Davidson, Aberdeen, and unanimously agreed to, and the above resolution was added to the Standing Orders accordingly.

11th Oct., 1893.

The Council had before it Draft Ordinances of the Scottish Universities Commission, as under, viz. :—

Three Draft Ordinances tabled at last Meeting,

I. The three following, issued 14th June, which had been tabled at the meeting held 17th June last, viz. :—

General, No. 11—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.).

General, No. 12—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Law (B.L.).

General, No. 13—Honorary Degrees.

and four issued 27th June,

II. The following four, all issued 26th June last, now submitted under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, with intimation in the case of each, that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on the 26th November next, viz. :—

General, No. 14—Institution of Boards of Studies in the Faculties of Medicine and Science.

General, No. 15—Regulations as to Examinations, supplementary to Ordinance No. 13.

General, No. 16—Regulations for Degrees in Arts, supplementary to Ordinance No. 11, and relative letter addressed to the four University Courts of Scotland.

General, No. 17—Supplementary Powers of University Court.

and two issued 22nd July.

III. The following two, both issued 22nd July, now submitted under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, with intimation in the case of each, that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on 22nd December next, viz. :—

General, No. 18—Fees for Matriculation and Entrance and for Graduation in Arts, Science, Law and Divinity.

Aberdeen, No. 8—Regulations for the Fordyce Trust.

Ordinance No. 33 transmitted to Parliament.

There was laid before the Council a letter from the Scottish Universities Commission, dated 2nd August, 1893, intimating that on that day the following Ordinance had been "transmitted to the Secretary for Scotland, with the request that it be laid before both Houses of Parliament in terms of Section 20 of the Scottish Universities Act, 1889," viz. : Ordinance No. 33 [Aberdeen, No. 3—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 26 (Aberdeen, No. 2—Regulations as to application of Parliamentary Grants, etc.)].

11th Oct., 1893.

There was read copy of a letter, dated 21st August, 1893, from the Scottish Universities Commission to the University Courts of the Universities of Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, with regard to the Foundation of new Professorships and Lectureships.

Letter from the Commission to the University Courts anent Foundation of new Professorships and Lectureships.

There was read a letter, dated 19th August, 1893, from the University Court of the University of Aberdeen, transmitting a Report on the Official Administration of the University.

A communication from the University Court anent Official Administration of the University.

It was moved by Patrick Cooper, M.A., seconded by the Rev. James Smith, M.A., LL.D., that the said letter from the University Court and relative Report be referred to the Business Committee to consider and report thereupon, *quam primum*, to the Council.

After debate, this motion was agreed to.

Appointment of Business Committee.

The Business Committee was appointed as follows, viz.: The Principal, the four Assessors in the University Court, and the Clerk of Council, all *ex officiis;* Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B.; Alexander Bain, LL.D.; Alexander Thomas Gordon Beveridge, M.A., M.B.; Rev. David Brown, M.A., D.D.; Hugh Fraser Campbell, M.A.; Robert John Garden, M.D.; David Macbeth Moir Milligan, M.A.; Rev. James Robertson, M.A., D.D.; Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D.; William Charles Spence, M.A.; and Patrick Cooper, M.A., *Convener.*

Reappointment of Draft Ordinances Committee.

Standing Order No. 6 having been dispensed with, the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances was reappointed, Dr Bain, *Convener.*

Adjournment to 20th January, 1894.

On the motion of Alexander Bain, LL.D., the Council adjourned to Saturday, the 20th of January, 1894, at one o'clock P.M.

The meeting then closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

(Signed) P. J. ANDERSON.

LXVIIa.
20th Jan., 1894.

On the twentieth day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met by adjournment from the statutory half-yearly meeting held 11th October, 1893—the Principal in the Chair.

After prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 11th October, 1893, were approved.

Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 5—Sites of Classes] is not to be laid before Parliament.

There was read a letter, dated 17th October, 1893, from the Secretary of the Scottish Universities Commission intimating that, at a meeting held the day previous, the Commissioners had considered the objections which had been laid before them with regard to Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 5—Arrangements as to Sites of Classes], and resolved not to lay the Draft Ordinance before Parliament.

Ordinances Nos. 36, 37, 38, have been laid before Parliament.

There were laid before the Council letters from the Scottish Universities Commission, bearing date 24th October, 1893, intimating that on that day each of the following Ordinances had been "transmitted to the Secretary for Scotland with the request that it be laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889," viz. :—

Ordinance No. 36 [Aberdeen, No. 4—Foundation of Chalmers Chair of English Literature].

Ordinance No. 37 [Aberdeen, No. 5—Regulations as to the Duties of the Professor of Logic].

Ordinance No. 38 [Aberdeen, No. 6—Regulations as to University Meetings].

Ordinances Nos. 39-44 have been laid before Parliament.

There were laid before the Council letters from the Scottish Universities Commission, bearing date 5th January, 1894, intimating that on that day each of the following Ordinances had been "transmitted to the Secretary for Scotland with the request that it be laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889," viz. :—

Ordinance No. 39 [General, No. 11—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)].

Ordinance No. 40 [General, No. 12—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Law (B.L.)].

Ordinance No. 41 [General, No. 13—Honorary Degrees].

Ordinance No. 42 [General, No. 14—Institution of Boards of Studies in the Faculties of Medicine and Science].

Ordinance No. 43 [General, No. 15—Regulations as to Examinations, supplementary to Ordinance No. 13]. **20th Jan., 1894.**

Ordinance No. 44 [General, No. 16—Regulations for Degrees in Arts, supplementary to Ordinance No. 11].

Queen in Council has approved of Ordinances Nos. 26, 31, 32.

There were laid on the table from the Scottish Universities Commission copies of Orders of Her Majesty in Council, all of date 23rd November, 1893, approving of the following Ordinances, viz.:—

Ordinance No. 26 [Aberdeen, No. 2—Regulations as to application of Parliamentary Grants, as to Salaries, and for the Institution of a Fee Fund and for other purposes].

Ordinance No. 31 [Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh, No. 1—Composition of the Faculties and Institution of Faculties of Science].

Ordinance No. 32 [Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh, No. 2—Pensions to Principals and Professors].

A Draft Ordinance issued by the Commission on 5th Dec., 1893.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following Draft Ordinance, issued 5th December, 1893, with intimation that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on 5th March next, viz.:—

Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 9—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 26 (Aberdeen, No. 2—Regulations as to application of Parliamentary Grants, as to Salaries, and for the Institution of a Fee Fund and for other purposes)].

Report by Business Committee anent Official Administration of the University.

The Council had before it the following Report, bearing date 26th October, 1893, by the Business Committee, on the remit made to it at last meeting anent the communication from the University Court on the subject of the Official Administration of the University, viz.:—

"The Business Committee has met and considered the Letter from the University Court of the 19th of August last and relative Report on the Official Administration of the University, which were referred by the General Council to this Committee, and begs to report thereon as follows:—

20th Jan., 1894. "In the Report on Official Administration, which has been adopted by the University Court, it is stated that 'in view of the increasing work of the administrative department, and of provision being made in the University Extension Buildings for administrative offices, . . . it is desirable for the Court to look forward to such an arrangement of the business of the University as will place the whole under the direction of one competent official, who, with the concurrence of the different bodies interested, would act as Secretary of the Court and of the Council, Secretary to the Senatus and to the various Faculties, Factor for the University Lands, Funds and Mortifications, Collector of Fees, and, in general, as Secretary and Treasurer of the University'.

"The Business Committee sees no reason to take exception to the proposal of the University Court to centralise at some future time the official administration of the University, so far as regards those departments which are under the direct control of the University Court; but the Committee is of opinion that the business of the other University bodies could not be placed under the charge of one official appointed by the Court, without endangering the independence of such other bodies.

"With regard to the office of Clerk of Council, the Committee is of opinion that, while there may be no objection to his holding other offices in the University, his appointment as Clerk of Council must be made by the Council, and he must be responsible to the Council alone for the due discharge of such duties as it may impose upon him. In the event of his being also in the employment of the University Court, or of any other University body, his tenure of office as Clerk of Council would necessarily be during the pleasure of the Council. Whether he have other employment in the University or not, a competent salary should be assigned to him in respect of his office of Clerk of Council; and the Committee is of opinion that such salary should be £50 per annum.

"In the said Report on Official Administration, it is suggested that in existing circumstances 'an official should be appointed temporarily to act as Secretary of the University Court, Secretary and Treasurer of the General Council, with the concurrence of the General Council, and Registrar of the General Council, the salary of this official to be £200 yearly, including the Statutory Fees for preparing the Register of the General Council'.

"The Business Committee cannot concur in this proposal. There appears to be no objection to the temporary appointment by the University Court of an official to act as Secretary of the Court and Registrar of the University,

at a competent salary, but the Committee strongly objects to any appointment of a Clerk of Council being made by the Court. In view of the appointment of Mr. Robert Walker to the offices of Secretary of the University Court and Registrar of the University, the Committee is of opinion that Mr. Walker should be asked to continue to act as Clerk of Council during the pleasure of the Council, and that he should receive for his services in that capacity a salary of £50 a year." 20th Jan., 1894.

Patrick Cooper, M.A., moved that the above Report be approved and adopted, and that a copy be sent to the University Court in reply to the communication on the subject received from that body.

This motion was seconded by Alexander Mackie, M.A., Aberdeen, and unanimously agreed to.

The meeting then closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXVIII. **11th April, 1894.**

On the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair.

After prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 20th January, 1894, were approved.

Ordinances Nos. 49 and 50 have been laid before Parliament.

There were laid before the Council letters from the Scottish Universities Commission, of dates given below, intimating that on the day named each of the following Ordinances respectively had been "transmitted to the Secretary for Scotland with the request that it be laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889," viz. :—

(*a*) On 2nd March, 1894—

Ordinance No. 49 [Aberdeen, No. 7—Regulations for the Fordyce Trust].

(*b*) On 30th March, 1894—

Ordinance No. 50 [General, No. 18—Fees for Matriculation and Entrance and for Graduation in Arts, Science, Law and Divinity].

Queen in Council has approved of Ordinances Nos. 36, 37, 38.

There were laid on the table from the Scottish Universities Commission copies of Orders of Her Majesty in Council, all of date 10th March, 1894, approving of the following Ordinances, viz. :—

Ordinance No. 36 [Aberdeen, No. 4—Foundation of Chalmers Chair of English Literature].

Ordinance No. 37 [Aberdeen, No. 5—Regulations as to the duties of the Professor of Logic].

Ordinance No. 38 [Aberdeen, No. 6—Regulations as to University Meetings].

Six Draft Ordinances issued by the Commission.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following six Draft Ordinances, issued respectively on the dates given below, with intimation in the case of each that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on the date named, viz. :—

(*a*) Of date 27th February, 1894—the three months expiring 27th May—

Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 10—Regulations for Degrees in Medicine, supplementary to Ordinance No. 15].

(*b*) Of date 6th March, 1894—the three months expiring 6th June—

(1) Draft Ordinance [General, No. 19—Regulations as to Bursaries, Scholarships and Fellowships]. 11th April, 1894.
(2) Draft Ordinance [General, No. 20—Regulations for admitting Women to Bursaries, Scholarships and Fellowships].

(*c*) Of date 31st March, 1894—the three months expiring 30th June—

(1) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 11—Regulations for Launie Foundation].
(2) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 12—Regulations for Cowe and Clerihew Foundations].
(3) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 13—Regulations for Stuart Foundation].

Of the foregoing Draft Ordinances the first three having been considered by the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances, the following Report on them by the Committee, of date 29th March, 1894, was now submitted, viz. :—

Report by the Draft Ordinances Committee.

"The Committee has met and considered the three Draft Ordinances issued by the Scottish Universities Commissioners since the date of last meeting of the General Council, and has now to report thereon as follows :—

"The first issued of the three, namely, Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 10—Regulations for Degrees in Medicine, Supplementary to Ordinance No. 15], which appeared on 27th February, 1894, does not seem to call for any remark.

"The other two relate to bursaries, etc., and were issued 6th March, 1894.

"I. Draft Ordinance [General, No. 19—Regulations as to Bursaries, Scholarships and Fellowships].

"*Firstly*, with reference to Section VI. (under the heading 'General'), which is as follows :—

"'VI. In the case of a bursary, scholarship, or fellowship which has become vacant by forfeiture or otherwise before the expiry of the period of tenure, the Senatus Academicus may select a deserving student to hold the same during the remainder of the period of tenure, or the University Court may, on the report of the Senatus Academicus, allow the same to remain vacant, and the income to be added to the capital fund.'

"The Committee would recommend that this be altered to read as follows :—

"'VI. In the case of a bursary, scholarship, or fellowship which has become vacant by forfeiture or otherwise before the expiry of the period of tenure, the University Court may, on the report of the Senatus Academicus, allow the

11th April, 1894. same to remain vacant, and the income to be added to the capital fund, provided that, in the case of a bursary, the Senatus Academicus may select a deserving student to hold the same during the remainder of the period of tenure.'

"It appears to the Committee that the power proposed to be given to the Senatus to 'select a deserving student,' etc., ought to apply to the case of bursaries only.

"*Secondly*, as to Section IX. (1) ['Open Bursaries'].

"The second clause of this sub-section provides, with reference to the Examination for open bursaries in Arts of the first year, that: 'The Examination shall be taken at the same time and upon the same papers as the Autumn Preliminary Examination, and the Senatus Academicus may, for purposes of competition, subject candidates to any further test that may be deemed necessary'.

"The Committee recommends that this be altered to: 'The Examination shall be taken at such time as the University Court of each University may determine'.

"It appears inexpedient to enact expressly by Ordinance, that the Bursary Competition shall be held at the same period of the year in each University, irrespective of local requirements.

"Following on this alteration, the next sub-section, namely: 'IX. (2) Candidates for such bursaries [open bursaries in Arts] who select in the Bursary Competition Examination Latin, Greek, or Mathematics, shall take the papers of the higher standard in those subjects,' would fall to be altered to: '. . . shall be examined in those subjects on a standard not inferior to that of the higher standard in the Preliminary Examination'.

"And, lastly, in 'IX. (3) No candidate as aforesaid shall obtain a bursary in Arts who shall not have passed the Preliminary Examination in Arts,' the word 'obtain' should be changed to 'hold'.

"*Thirdly*, the Committee recommends the omission of the following section, viz.:—

"'XI. (1) In determining the marks to be assigned to the several subjects of the Bursary Competition Examination, English, Latin, Greek, and Mathematics shall each have assigned to them double the marks assigned to other subjects'.

"Such a provision would act as a serious discouragement to the study of Modern Languages and Science as subjects included in the Bursary Competition.

"II. Draft Ordinance [General, No. 20—Regulations for admitting Women to Bursaries, Scholarships, and Fellowships].

"The main enactments are:—

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"'I. (1) It shall be in the power of the University Court in each University, after consultation with the Senatus Academicus, to make regulations from time to time for the purpose of appropriating for competition among women students only, who are proceeding to a degree in any Faculty, such number, if any, of open bursaries, which have taken effect prior to the 30th day of August, 1864, as the University Court may think fit; provided always (1) that the Court and the Senatus in each University shall, in making such regulations, have regard to the number of bursaries in that University specially appropriated to women by the terms of their deeds of foundation; (2) that no bursary shall be appropriated to students in any other Faculty than that to which it is at present attached, except under Section XIII. of Ordinance [General, No. 19—Regulations as to Bursaries, Scholarships, and Fellowships].

"'(2) It shall be in the power of the University Court of each University, in like manner, to open to competition, without restriction as to sex, such number, if any, of scholarships or fellowships tenable by graduates, which have taken effect prior to the 30th day of August, 1864, as the said Court may think fit.

"'II. Save as hereinbefore provided, women shall not be allowed to compete for or hold any bursary, scholarship, or fellowship, which is not expressly open to competition by women by the terms of its deed of foundation.'

"The Committee recommends as a preferable course that bursaries, scholarships, and fellowships be thrown open to all students, without restriction as to sex.

"It seems highly inexpedient to detach bursaries from the General Competition, owing to the difficulty of adjudging fairly the number and the values of those to be selected, there being at the same time no adequate knowledge of the field of claimants. The operation would be invidious in itself, and could not fail to produce discontent and heart-burning on one side or the other."

Alexander Bain, M.A., LL.D., Aberdeen, Convener of the Committee, moved that the above Report be approved and adopted as a whole.

After consideration, the Council resolved to take the recommendations in the Report *seriatim*.

I. Draft Ordinance [General, No. 19—Regulations as to Bursaries, Scholarships and Fellowships].

Firstly, with reference to Sect. VI., the Council unanimously approved of the Committee's recommendation, and resolved to represent to the Universities Commission that this section should be altered to read as follows:—

"VI. In the case of a bursary, scholarship, or fellowship

11th April, 1894. which has become vacant by forfeiture or otherwise before the expiry of the period of tenure, the University Court may, on the report of the Senatus Academicus, allow the same to remain vacant, and the income to be added to the capital fund, provided that, in the case of a bursary, the Senatus Academicus may select a deserving student to hold the same during the remainder of the period of tenure."

Secondly, as to Sect. IX. (1) ["Open Bursaries"], the Council unanimously approved of the Committee's recommendation that the second clause should be altered to read as follows—"The Examination shall be taken at such time as the University Court of each University may determine".

With reference to Sect. IX. (2), it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Professor Pirie, to approve of the following amended form thereof in place of that recommended by the Committee, and to represent to the Commission accordingly:—

"(2) Candidates for such bursaries, who select in the Bursary Competition Examination Latin, Greek, or Mathematics, shall be examined in Latin and Greek on a standard not inferior to the higher standard in the Preliminary Examination, and in Mathematics on a standard not inferior to that of the intermediate standard".

As to Sect. IX. (3), the Council approved of the Committee's recommendation that the word "obtain" (in first line) should be changed to "hold".

Thirdly, as to Sect. XI. (1), as an amendment on the motion to approve of the recommendation of the Committee, it was moved by Rev. Gordon J. Murray, M.A., B.D., Aberdeen, and seconded by Rev. Aw. Jamieson Milne, LL.D., Fyvie, "that Sect. XI. (1) should stand as in the Draft Ordinance".

On a show of hands, there voted 12 for the motion and 8 for the amendment.

The motion to approve of the recommendation in the Report was therefore carried and the Council resolved accordingly to represent to the Commission that Sect. XI. (1) should be omitted.

The Council then proceeded to consider fresh amendments proposed by individual members.

On the motion of the Rev. Jas. Robertson, D.D., Aberdeen, in was unanimously resolved to recommend that at the end of the first clause in Sect. IX. (1), after the words "Section III.," there should be added these words following, viz.—"and such additional subjects in the curriculum for the Degree in Arts as may be recognised by the University Court after consultation with the Senatus Academicus".

On the motion of Hugh F. Campbell, M.A., Aberdeen, it

was unanimously resolved to recommend that in Sect. XI. (2), after the word "Arts" in the second line, there should be inserted these words following, viz.—"and such additional subjects as may have been recognised under and in terms of Sect. IX. (1) above". 11th April, 1894.

II. Draft Ordinance [General, No. 20—Regulations for admitting Women to Bursaries, Scholarships and Fellowships].

It was unanimously agreed to introduce the word "all" before the word "bursaries" in the recommendation of the Committee, and accordingly to represent to the Universities Commission that, instead of the provisions of Sects. I. and II., "All bursaries, scholarships and fellowships should be thrown open to competition among all students, without restriction as to sex".

On the motion of Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, it was unanimously resolved to remit to the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances to prepare a Memorial embodying the Council's recommendations on Draft Ordinances—Gen., No. 19, and Gen., No. 20, and to transmit the same to the University Commissioners.

With reference to the three Draft Ordinances named above, issued 31st March, on which the Committee had not reported, the Council resolved, on the motion of Dr. Bain, to leave them for the consideration of other University bodies.

Annual Reports of the University for 1892-3.

There were laid before the Council from the Secretary for Scotland, in terms of Sect. 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, copies of the Annual Reports of the University of Aberdeen, as under, viz.:—

(1) Report as to Statistics for the year from 1st October, 1892, to 30th September, 1893;

(2) Abstract of Accounts of the University for the year ended 15th September, 1893.

Reply by the University Court to resolution anent Official Administration of the University.

There was submitted the following letter, of date 17th March, 1894, from the Secretary of the University Court to the Clerk of the General Council, viz.:—

"In reply to the communication from the General Council of the University, of date 20th January, with reference to their Clerkship in connection with the general question of the Official Administration of the University, I have been directed to inform you that, at a meeting of the University Court held 13th March, a report by a Committee was approved and adopted, in which, *inter alia*, it was recommended—

"'With regard to the representation of the General Council as to the appointment of their Clerk, the Committee

11th April, 1894. are of opinion that as the arrangement proposed by the Court is in this case also merely of a temporary nature, and as the Council recommend that Mr. Walker should continue to act as their Clerk, the Court need take no further action in the matter in the meantime'.

"On the recommendation of the Committee, the Court fixed the salary for the three combined offices at £250, instead of £200 as proposed; and it was agreed that a sum of £10 be allowed towards defraying the cost of clerical assistance."

Business Committee. It was unanimously resolved to reappoint the Business Committee, the name of Wm. Chas. Spence, M.A., who has left Aberdeen, being removed by request.

Adjournment to 18th August next. On the motion of Alex. Bain, LL.D., the Council adjourned to meet on Saturday, 18th August next, at one o'clock P.M.

The meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

On the eighteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met by adjournment from the statutory half-yearly meeting held 11th April, 1894—the Principal in the Chair. **LXVIIIa. 18th Aug., 1894.**

After prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 11th April, 1894, were approved.

Queen in Council has approved of Ordinances Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 49, 50.

There were laid on the table from the Scottish Universities Commission copies of Orders of Her Majesty in Council, of the respective dates given below, approving of the Ordinances named, viz. :—

(*a*) Of date 28th May, 1894—

Ordinance No. 39 [General, No. 11—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)].

Ordinance No. 40 [General, No. 12—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Law (B.L.)].

Ordinance No. 41 [General, No. 13—Honorary Degrees].

Ordinance No. 42 [General, No. 14—Institution of Boards of Studies in the Faculties of Medicine and Science].

Ordinance No. 43 [General, No. 15—Regulations as to Examinations, supplementary to Ordinance No. 13].

Ordinance No. 44 [General, No. 16—Regulations for Degrees in Arts, supplementary to Ordinance No. 11].

(*b*) Of date 7th August, 1894—

Ordinance No. 49 [Aberdeen, No. 7—Regulations for the Fordyce Trust].

Ordinance No. 50 [General, No. 18—Fees for Matriculation and Entrance and for Graduation in Arts, Science, Law and Divinity].

Ordinances Nos. 51, 55, 57, 58, have been laid before Parliament.

There were laid before the Council letters from the Scottish Universities Commission, of the respective dates given below, intimating that on the day named each of the following Ordinances had been "transmitted to the Secretary for Scotland with the request that it be laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889," viz. :—

(*a*) On 22nd May, 1894—

Ordinance No. 51 [Aberdeen, No. 8—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 26 (Aberdeen, No. 2—Regulations as to application of Parliamentary Grants, as to Salaries, etc.)].

18th Aug., 1894.

(*b*) On 27th July, 1894—

Ordinance No. 55 [Aberdeen, No. 9—Regulations for Degrees in Medicine, supplementary to Ordinance No. 15].

(*c*) On 4th August, 1894—

Ordinance No. 57 [General, No. 19—Regulations as to Bursaries, Scholarships and Fellowships].

Ordinance No. 58 [General, No. 20—Regulations for admitting Women to Bursaries, Scholarships and Fellowships].

Twenty-seven Draft Ordinances issued by the Commission.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following twenty-seven Draft Ordinances, issued respectively on the dates given below, with intimation in the case of each that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on the date named, viz.:—

(*a*) Two of date 18th April, 1894—the three months expiring 18th July—

(1) Draft Ordinance [General, No. 21—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 9 (General, No. 4—General Council)].

(2) Draft Ordinance [General, No. 22—Regulations for the Students' Representative Council].

(*b*) Two of date 14th May, 1894—the three months expiring 14th October—

(1) Draft Ordinance [General, No. 23—Regulations for the Encouragement of Special Study and Research, for the Institution of Research Fellowships, and Additional Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Science].

(2) Draft Ordinance [General, No. 24—Regulations for Higher Degrees in Arts and Science].

(*c*) One of date 21st May, 1894—the three months expiring 21st October—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 25—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.)].

(*d*) One of date 26th May, 1894—the three months expiring 26th October—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 26—Regulations for the Custody and Management of Libraries].

(*e*) One of date 28th May, 1894—the three months expiring 28th October—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 27—Report on the Qualifications of Candidates for Chairs].

(*f*) Eleven of date 31st May, 1894—the three months expiring 31st October— 18th Aug., 1894.

(1) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 14—Regulations for the Bequest of the Rev. William Anderson].

(2) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 15—Regulations for Wilson Travelling Fellowship].

(3) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 16—Regulations for Watt Scholarship].

(4) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 17—Regulations for Burnet Foundation].

(5) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 18—Regulations for Ramsay Foundation].

(6) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 19—Regulations for the Bruce and Fraser Foundations].

(7) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 20—Regulations for Findlay Foundation].

(8) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 21—Regulations for Drum Scholarship].

(9) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 22—Regulations for Corbet Foundation].

(10) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 23—Regulations for Greig and Mackintosh Foundations].

(11) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 24—Regulations for Ruddiman and Ninian Bruce Foundations].

(*g*) Two of date 4th June, 1894—the three months expiring 4th November—

(1) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 25—Arrangements as to Sites of Classes].

(2) Draft Ordinance [General, No. 28—Regulations as to Assistants and Lecturers, supplementary to Ordinance No. 17].

(*h*) Six of date 5th June, 1894—the three months expiring 5th November—

(1) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 26—Regulations for Hutton Foundation].

(2) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 27—Regulations for Simpson Foundation].

(3) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 28—Regulations for Campbell Foundation].

(4) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 29—Regulations for Fullerton Scholarship].

(5) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 30—Regulations for Dr. Alexander Adam Foundation].

(6) Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 31—Regulations for Degrees in Science in Agriculture].

(*i*) One of date 20th July, 1894—the three months expiring 20th December—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 29—Examiners].

18th Aug., 1894.

Report by the Draft Ordinances Committee.

The foregoing Draft Ordinances having been considered by the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances, the following report on them was now submitted, viz. :—

"Since the meeting of Council in April last, there have been received from the Scottish Universities Commission twenty-seven Draft Ordinances (see programme of business).

"The Committee has taken these Draft Ordinances into consideration and begs to report thereon as follows :—

"(1) General, No. 21—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 9 (General, No. 4—General Council).

"By this Draft Ordinance it is proposed to enact that 'At meetings of the General Council the Chairman of the meeting shall decide all points of order and questions as to the competency of motions or amendments'.

"The Draft Ordinance is one of two issued on the 18th of April last, and the time for submitting to the Commissioners objections or amendments with reference to them expired on the 18th of July last. The subject dealt with by this Draft Ordinance, General, No. 21, is, however, of so much importance to the Council that the Committee thinks the Council should have an opportunity of considering it, and, if so advised, of submitting objections or amendments thereto. The Committee is informed that, on a representation from the General Council of the University of Edinburgh, the Commissioners granted to that body an extension of the period for lodging objections to the Draft Ordinance till 1st November next. The Committee therefore recommends that a similar representation should be made by the General Council of this University to the Commissioners requesting an extension of the period for lodging objections to, or amendments on, the Draft Ordinance till a date subsequent to the statutory meeting in October next.

"(2) General, No. 26—Regulations for the Custody and Management of Libraries.

"Section VIII. of this Draft Ordinance proposes to enact as follows, viz. :—

"'VIII. The Library Committee in each University shall frame regulations to be approved by the University Court, under which the persons hereinafter mentioned may respectively borrow or consult books. Such regulations shall prescribe (*a*) the number of books which the said persons shall be entitled to borrow; (*b*) the period for which they shall be allowed to retain them; (*c*) the penalties to be imposed in the event of their failure to return books in due time, or in the event of books being lost or injured.'

"Here follows the list of persons entitled to borrow books, which includes students.

"The Committee is of opinion that the Council should recommend that, after the word 'injured' above, there should be added the following clause, specifying a fourth regulation to be prescribed, viz. :—'(*d*) the sum, if any, to be deposited by students borrowing books'. 18th Aug., 1894.

"The Committee would also recommend that a clause be added to the Ordinance giving power to the University Court, on the report of the Library Committee, to dispose of by sale, exchange, or gift, such books (duplicates or others) as have ceased to be required for University purposes.

"Of the other twenty-four Draft Ordinances now being reported on, there are seven on which the Committee has no observation to make, viz. :—

"General, No. 23—Regulations for the Encouragement of Special Study and Research, etc., etc.;

"General, No. 24—Regulations for Higher Degrees in Arts and Science;

"General, No. 28—Regulations as to Assistants and Lecturers, supplementary to Ordinance No. 17;

"General, No. 29—Examiners;

and the Aberdeen Ordinances numbered 15, 23, and 24, which regulate (1) the Wilson Travelling Fellowship, (2) the Greig and Mackintosh Foundations, and (3) the Ruddiman and Ninian Bruce Foundations, respectively.

"The Committee recommends that the Council should defer until the October meeting the consideration of the remaining seventeen Draft Ordinances, viz. :—

"General, No. 25—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.);

"General, No. 27—Report on the qualifications of Candidates for Chairs;

"Aberdeen, No. 25—Arrangements as to Sites of Classes;

"Aberdeen, No. 31—Regulations for Degrees in Science in Agriculture;

and the Aberdeen Ordinances numbered 14, 16-22, 26-30, both inclusive, which regulate various University Foundations and Scholarships."

On the motion of Alexander Bain, LL.D., Aberdeen, the report, so far as it relates to Draft Ordinance, General, No. 21, and Draft Ordinance, General, No. 26, was approved and adopted, and the Council accordingly (1) directed the Clerk to communicate with the Universities Commission and request a suitable extension of the time for lodging objections to Draft Ordinance, General, No. 21, with a view to the consideration of the Ordinance at next meeting of the Council; and (2) remitted to the Committee on University Changes and Draft

18th Aug., 1894. Ordinances to prepare a Memorial to the Universities Commission embodying the Council's recommendations in regard to Draft Ordinance, General, No. 26, relating to Libraries.

Draft Ordinance, General, No. 24—Regulations for Higher Degrees in Arts and Science.

With reference to the above Draft Ordinance, on which the Committee had no observations to offer, it was moved by Wm. T. Fyfe, M.A., Edinburgh, that the Council should recommend that in Sections I. and IV. the words from "in" (in line 1 of Section I. and line 2 of Section IV.) to "Arts]" (in line 3 of Section I. and line 4 of Section IV.), both words inclusive, should be omitted.

This motion not having been seconded fell to the ground.

It was moved by Hugh F. Campbell, M.A., Aberdeen, seconded by Wm. T. Fyfe, M.A., Edinburgh, and unanimously resolved, to recommend that in Section I. the words beginning with "under" in line 2, and ending with "Arts]" in line 3, should be omitted.

It was moved by Hugh F. Campbell, M.A., Aberdeen, seconded by James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Aberdeen, and unanimously resolved, to recommend that, in like manner, in Section IV., the words from "under" in line 2, to "Arts]" in line 4, should be omitted.

It was remitted to the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances to prepare a Memorial to the Universities Commission embodying the Council's recommendations in regard to Draft Ordinance, General, No. 24.

The meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

On the tenth day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair. **LXIX. 10th Oct., 1894.**

After prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 18th August, 1894, were approved.

The Commission has allowed an extension till 1st November next of the time for lodging objections to Draft Ordinance, General, No. 21.

There was read a letter, dated 24th August, from the Secretary of the Universities Commission intimating, in reply to the Representation made by the Council at last meeting, that the Commissioners will allow to the General Council an extension till 1st November next of the time for lodging objections to Draft Ordinance [General, No. 21—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 9 (General, No. 4—General Council)].

The powers of the Commission are continued until 1st January, 1896.

There was laid before the Council from the Secretary for Scotland a copy of an Order of the Queen in Council, of date 7th August, 1894, further continuing the powers of the Scottish Universities Commissioners until 1st January, 1896.

Report of Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances.

The Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances submitted the following report, of date 27th September, 1894, viz. :—

"The Committee has to report that, since the meeting of the General Council on 18th August last, the Scottish Universities Commissioners, in reply to a representation made to them by direction of the Council, have allowed to the Council an extension till 1st November next of the time for lodging objections to Draft Ordinance [General, No. 21—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 9 (General, No. 4—General Council)].

"There are thus in all eighteen Draft Ordinances now falling to be reported on by the Committee, namely, the above and these following :—

"General, No. 25—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) ;

"General, No. 27—Report on the Qualifications of Candidates for Chairs ;

"Aberdeen, No. 25—Arrangements as to Sites of Classes ;

"Aberdeen, No. 31—Regulations for Degrees in Science in Agriculture ; and

"Aberdeen, Nos. 14, 16-22, 26-30, all inclusive, regulating various University Foundations and Scholarships.

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"DRAFT ORDINANCE [GENERAL, No. 21—SUPPLEMENTARY TO ORDINANCE No. 9 (GENERAL, No. 4—GENERAL COUNCIL)].

"By this Draft Ordinance the Commissioners, on the narrative that they are empowered by Statute 'to regulate the powers, duties, jurisdictions, and privileges of Chancellors, Rectors, Assessors, Principals, Professors and all other members of, or office-bearers in, the Universities or Colleges thereof, and of the General Council in each University,' propose to statute and ordain as follows:—'At meetings of the General Council the Chairman of the meeting shall decide all points of order and questions as to competency of motions or amendments'.

"In the opinion of this Committee, the Draft Ordinance should be strenuously opposed by the Council. The proposed enactment, if not *ultra vires* of the Commissioners, is both unconstitutional and inexpedient.

"The position at common law of the Chairman of a meeting is this:—'He is elected by the meeting; he exists by their pleasure and at their pleasure; he is their servant to carry out their views; he is impotent, so far as he is unsupported by them. That he should be at liberty to dictate to the meeting is entirely out of the question. His duty is to endeavour to keep harmony by conciliatory conduct. But in case of conflict it is the decision of the meeting, and not his decision, that must prevail. This is the case even in the House of Commons, which is the model popular assembly. The Speaker has no authority, except in so far as derived from the House. It is the authority of the House exercised through him. So at an ordinary meeting the Chairman is the medium through which the views of the meeting find expression' (*per* Lord Young in *Armour* v. *Macrae*, 13 R. (Just. Cases), 41).

"By the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858, § 6, and Ordinance No. 9 of the Commissioners of 1889, § 2, it is provided that, at meetings of the General Council, the Chancellor, and in his absence the Rector, whom failing the Principal, whom failing the Chancellor's Assessor, whom failing the Rector's Assessor shall preside, and in the absence of all of the said officials a Chairman shall be elected by the meeting: provided that no member of the Senatus Academicus shall preside at any meeting of Council held for the purpose of electing an Assessor or Assessors. By the Ordinance it is further provided that the Chairman shall have a deliberative and casting vote; and, in case of an equality of votes at the conclusion of a poll, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

"The position of the Chairman of the General Council thus

differs from that of a Chairman at common law to this extent, that the *ex-officio* Chairman holds office not by appointment of the Council, but by virtue of Statute and Ordinance, and that the Chairman—whether *ex officio* or elected—has a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote. In no other respect do his position and powers differ from those of a Chairman at common law.* 10th Oct., 1894.

"Having thus no authority to interfere with or control the deliberations of the Council, except by voting, the Chairman, —whether *ex officio* or elected,—has no power without the consent of the Council to decide points of order or questions as to the competency of motions or amendments.

"It remains to be considered whether it is expedient that the law should be altered in the direction proposed by the Commissioners; and to this question it is submitted that a negative answer must be given.

"The power which the Commissioners now propose to confer on the Chairman of the General Council is without precedent. Numerous statutes have conferred special powers on special classes of Chairmen; but none have enlarged the common law powers of a Chairman, in a question between him and the meeting, further than by giving him a second or casting vote. No reason has been offered, and no valid reason can be offered, for empowering the Chairman to prevent the Council from conducting its own business according to its own mind.

"The next of the Draft Ordinances in order of date of issue is:—

> "General, No. 25—Regulations for the Degree of B.D., and on it the Committee has no remarks to offer, nor on the following, viz.:—
>
> "Aberdeen, No. 31—Arrangements for Degrees in Science in Agriculture.

"DRAFT ORDINANCE, GENERAL, No. 27—REPORT ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRS.

"By this Draft Ordinance the Commissioners propose to enact as follows:—

* The position of a Chairman appointed, not by the body over which he presides, but by superior authority, is illustrated by the case of the Speaker of the House of Lords. The Lord Speaker is appointed not by the House but by the Crown, and his position is thus defined by the House over which he presides:—"The Lord Chancellor, when he speaks to the House, is always to speak uncovered, and is not to adjourn the House, or to do anything else as mouth of the House, without the consent of the Lords first had, except the ordinary thing about bills, which are of course, wherein the Lords may likewise over-rule; as, for preferring one bill before another, and such like, and in case of difference among the Lords, it is to be put to the question; and if the Lord Chancellor will speak to anything particularly, he is to go to his own place as a Peer." (Standing Order 20.)

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"'I. In the case of a vacancy in any Professorship in any University, the University Court shall advertise such vacancy, and shall request candidates to submit evidence of their qualifications on or before a date to be fixed by the Court.

"'II. The Senatus Academicus shall thereafter appoint a Committee of not more than five of its members, to whom the evidence submitted by the candidates shall be transmitted, and who shall consider the same, and present to the patrons of the vacant Chair a detailed and reasoned report on the candidates' qualifications.'

"The Committee is of opinion that such a scheme is not likely to work to the advantage of the Scottish Universities, and recommends the Council to express disapproval of this Draft Ordinance.

"ABDN., No. 25—ARRANGEMENTS AS TO SITES OF CLASSES.

"In this Draft Ordinance, the Commissioners propose to ordain as follows:—

"'I. The classes of Greek, Humanity, Logic, Mathematics and Moral Philosophy in the Faculty of Arts, and the classes in the Faculty of Divinity, shall, as heretofore, assemble and be taught during the Winter Sessions in that portion of the University Buildings called King's College, with any additions that may be made thereto.

"'II. Subject to the provisions of the preceding Section, it shall be in the power of the University Court, after consultation with the Senatus Academicus, to determine from time to time the place or places within the University where any class or classes shall assemble and be taught.

"'III. Ordinance No. 2 of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858, is hereby repealed, in so far as it is inconsistent with this Ordinance.'

"The Committee is of opinion that the University should be free to determine from time to time the place or places within the University where any class or classes shall assemble and be taught, and would therefore recommend to the Council that the Draft Ordinance be amended as follows:—

"Leave out Section I.

"In Section II. leave out the words 'Subject to the provisions of the preceding Section'.

"DRAFT ORDINANCE [ABERDEEN, No. 14—REGULATIONS FOR THE BEQUEST OF THE REV. WILLIAM ANDERSON].

"By this Draft Ordinance, on the narrative that one-half of the estate of the Rev. William Anderson, LL.D., sometime Principal of the College of Agra, in the North-West Provinces

of India, is vested in certain Trustees for the purpose of endowing in the University of Aberdeen a Lectureship on 'Comparative Psychology and Philology,' on the condition (inconsistent with the provisions of Ordinance No. 11—Regulations for Degrees in Arts) 'that attendance on the instruction of the said Lecturer shall be incumbent on all students proceeding to a degree in Arts in the said University,' the Commissioners propose to empower the University Court to establish in the University of Aberdeen a Lectureship on Comparative Psychology and Philology, the holder thereof to receive the free income of the bequest, and his lectures to qualify for graduation in Arts with Honours, under such provisions as the Senatus Academicus shall determine, yet without alteration or modification of the provisions of Ordinance No. 11 [General, No. 6—Regulations for Degrees in Arts].

"The Committee is informed that the free annual income of the bequest is over £370.

"The Committee considers that, inasmuch as there is no obvious connection between the two subjects named, without qualifying and accommodating one to the other, it is desirable, and probably consistent with the testator's intentions, to give one of them the lead—which would naturally be the one first mentioned and most wide-ranging in its scientific interest. It is therefore proposed that the Council should recommend to the Commissioners to prescribe as the subject of the Lectureship 'Comparative Psychology, and that the Lecturer shall advert to the relationship existing between Psychology and Philology'.

"Draft Ordinances Dealing with Bursaries in Divinity.

"Abdn., No. 16—Regulations for Watt Scholarship.

"The Committee approves of this Ordinance, which combines four Watt (Competition) Bursaries of £14 each = £56, and two King William (Treasury) Bursaries of £10 each = £20, into one Scholarship of £76 a year for two years, tenable after passing B.D. Examinations, and to be called the Royal Watt Scholarship.

"Abdn., No. 17—Regulations for Burnet Foundation.

"The Committee approves of this Ordinance, which combines (four Arts Bursaries into three Arts Bursaries and) two Divinity Burnet Bursaries (Presentation) of £11 10s. each into one Divinity Burnet Bursary (Presentation) of £23, tenable for three years.

"Abdn., No. 20—Regulations for Findlay Foundation.

"The Committee approves of this Ordinance, which combines three Findlay (Presentation) Bursaries of £10 each, held

10th Oct., 1894. in Arts, Divinity, or Medicine, into one Bursary of £30, 'tenable for three years and no longer in the Faculty of Arts, and thereafter for three years and no longer, either in the Faculty of Divinity or Faculty of Medicine, as the Patrons may determine'.

"Abdn.,-No. 22—Regulations for the Corbet Foundation.

"The Committee disapproves of this Ordinance, which combines four Corbet (Competition) Bursaries of £8 each into one Scholarship of £32 a year for two years, tenable after passing B.D. Examinations, and recommends that these Bursaries should be combined *instead* into one Bursary of £32, tenable for three years, or two Bursaries of £16, tenable for same period.

"Abdn., No. 18—Regulations for Ramsay Foundation.

"The Committee disapproves of this Ordinance, which combines four Ramsay (Presentation) Bursaries of £20 each into one Scholarship (*Presentation*) of £80 a year for two years, tenable after passing B.D. Examinations. It is recommended that matters remain as they are. See *Note*.

"Aberdeen, No. 19—Regulations for Bruce and Fraser Foundations.

"The Committee disapproves of this Ordinance, which combines five Bruce (Competition) Bursaries of £14 each = £70, and one Fraser (Competition) Bursary of £30 into one Scholarship of £100 a year for two years, tenable after passing B.D. Examinations. The Committee recommends that matters remain as they are, or see *Note*.

"Abdn., No. 21—Regulations for Drum Scholarship.

"The Committee disapproves of this Ordinance, which combines two of the four Drum (Presentation) Bursaries of £59 each into one Scholarship (*Presentation*) of £118 a year for two years, tenable after passing B.D. Examinations, the remaining two Drum Bursaries being left as they are. The Committee recommends that matters remain as they are.

"*Note*.—The principle of *Presentation* Scholarships, as in the case of the Drum and Ramsay Scholarships to be formed by the new Ordinances, is indefensible. Again, valuable Bursaries, like the Fraser (£30) and the four Ramsay (£20 each), should not be diverted from their original purpose. The scheme of the new Ordinances would leave one Scholarship for every two Bursaries in the Faculty of Divinity; whereas the Committee believes that by retaining the more valuable Bursaries as they are, and combining the smaller

Bursaries into larger, and instituting a new Scholarship (the Royal Watt of £76 a year for two years), more good is likely to result. If another Scholarship is to be formed, the provisions of Draft Ordinance, Aberdeen, No. 19 should be restricted to the Bruce Foundation, leaving the Fraser (£30) as a Bursary, and amalgamating the five Bruce Bursaries of £14 each into one Scholarship of £70. 10th Oct 1894.

"The following is a comparative view of the present allocation and that proposed under these Ordinances (P. for Presentation, C. for Competition).

"At present there are:—

Bursaries.		Scholarships.
4 at £59	(P.)	1 at £17 10 (2 yrs., C.) (the Brown)
3 „ 30	(1 P. and 2 C.)	
1 „ 27:10	(C.)	
4 „ 20	(4 P.)	
1 „ 16	(1 P.)	
3 „ 15	(3 C.)	
9 „ 14	(9 C.)	
2 „ 11:10	(2 P.)	
5 „ 10	(5 P.)	
4 „ 8	(4 C.)	
2 „ 7	(2 P.)	
Total 38 Bursaries.		Total 1 Scholarship.

"By the new Ordinances there would be:—

Bursaries.		Scholarships.
2 at £59	(P.)	1 at £118 (2 yrs., P.)
3 „ 30	(2 P. and 1 C.)	1 „ 100 („ C.)
1 „ 27:10	(C.)	1 „ 80 („ P.)
1 „ 23	(P.)	1 „ 76 („ C.)
1 „ 16	(P.)	1 „ 32 („ C.)
3 „ 15	(3 C.)	1 „ 17:10 („ C.)
2 „ 7	(2 P.)	
Total 13 Bursaries.		Total 6 Scholarships.

"The proposal of the Committee would leave, in addition to the thirteen Bursaries under the new Ordinances, the Fraser £30, the four Ramsay £20 each, the two Drum £59 each, and one Corbet, say £32—in all 21 Bursaries; while there would be three Scholarships, viz.: the Royal Watt of £76 for two years, the Bruce of £70 for two years, and the Brown of £17 10s. for two years.

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"DRAFT ORDINANCES DEALING WITH BURSARIES IN ARTS.

"With regard to the Draft Ordinances, Aberdeen, Nos. 26-30, by which the Hutton, Simpson, Campbell, Fullerton and Dr. Alex. Adam Foundations are in future to be regulated, the following table will show the changes which the Commissioners propose to make:—

1. *Hutton*	13 Bursaries, viz., 4 of £18 = 72 4 of £16 = 64 4 of £14 = 56 1 of £12 = 12 £204	1 Scholarship of £100 6 Bursaries of £17 6 8 each	7
2. *Simpson*	6 Bursaries, viz., 6 of £30 = 180	2 Scholarships of £90	6
3. *Campbell*	8 Bursaries, viz., 4 of £18 = 72 4 of £14 10 = 58 £130	1 Scholarship of £90 3 Bursaries of £13 6 8	5
4. *Fullerton*	14 Bursaries, viz., 5 of £20 = 100 9 of £15 = 135 £235	1 Scholarship of £115 6 Bursaries of £20	8
5. *Adam*	9 Bursaries, viz., 3 of £20 = 60 6 of £15 = 90 £150	1 Scholarship of £100 2 Bursaries of £25 Total	7 33

"There would thus be a loss of thirty-three Bursaries, and the alienation of £585 in all from the Bursary funds. This means the loss of nearly one-fourth of the money now available for Bursaries open to unrestricted competition. The proposed change is tantamount to destroying, to the extent of one-fourth, what has hitherto been one of the chief features characteristic of the University of Aberdeen, viz.: the facilities offered by the Bursary Competition to poor lads to enter upon a University Education. In the interests of the Higher Education it would be more advantageous to allow as large a number as possible of promising lads to enter on a University Education than to help the very select few to pursue original research after taking a Degree in Arts or Science.

"Another consideration is that the Arts Faculty of the University of Aberdeen is not at present so well equipped as the Faculty of Science with classes such as could be

attended by the holders of the Scholarships to be created under these Ordinances. The result would be either that the Arts Scholars would go to better equipped Universities in England or abroad, or that, as the Scholarships are for the most part to be tenable either by Masters of Arts or Bachelors of Science, the latter would obtain the larger proportion of the Scholarships. 10th Oct., 1894.

"The Committee is deeply sensible of the value of such Scholarships as the Commissioners wish to see instituted in the University, but thinks them bought at too dear a price, if they cannot be obtained except by sacrificing these Bursaries, which have done so much good in the past, and, as part of a system, have given an immense impetus to the Secondary as well as to the best of the Elementary Schools in the North-East of Scotland. It is no exaggeration to say that the Bursary Competition has for more than a hundred years been the chief educational event in this district, and the interest in it is not waning, but is still on the increase.

"The Committee therefore recommends that the Council should express disapproval of the Draft Ordinances, Aberdeen, Nos. 26-30."

It was resolved to consider the recommendations of the foregoing report *seriatim*.

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 21—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 9 (General, No. 4—General Council)].

Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, moved the approval and adoption of the Committee's report on the above Draft Ordinance.

This was agreed to unanimously.

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 27—Report on the Qualifications of Candidates for Chairs].

Alexander Bain, LL.D., Aberdeen, moved, and the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, M.A., B.D., Aberdeen, seconded, the approval and adoption of the report on the above Draft Ordinance.

This was unanimously agreed to, a suggestion by the Principal that the words "such a" before "scheme" in the report should be changed to "this," being approved and adopted.

Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 25—Arrangements as to Sites of Classes].

Alexander Bain, LL.D., moved, and the Rev. Prof. Pirie seconded, the approval and adoption of the report on this Draft Ordinance.

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The Rev. Jas. Cooper, D.D., Aberdeen, moved the previous question.

The Rev. Andrew J. Milne, LL.D., Fyvie, seconded this motion.

After discussion, a show of hands was taken between the two motions, when there voted for the motion of Dr. Bain 23, and for that of Dr. Cooper 42. The latter was therefore carried.

Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 14—Regulations for the Bequest of the Rev. Wm. Anderson].

Dr. Bain moved, and the Rev. Gordon J. Murray seconded, the approval and adoption of the report on the above Draft Ordinance.

The Rev. James Smith, M.A., LL.D., Newhills, moved, and Hugh F. Campbell, M.A., Aberdeen, seconded, as an alternative proposal by way of an addendum to the report, to recommend: "That the subject of the lectureship be, for a period of two years, Comparative Psychology, and for the next period of two years, Comparative Philology, and so on in periods of two years, alternately".

The Rev. Chas. Dunn, M.A., Birse, moved the previous question.

The Rev. Wm. R. Bruce, M.A., Newmachar, seconded this motion.

A show of hands being taken between the motion of Dr. Bain and that of Mr. Dunn, there voted 16 for the former, and 13 for the latter.

The motion of Dr. Bain was therefore carried, and the Council resolved in terms thereof.

It was further unanimously agreed to accept the alternative proposal in Dr. Smith's motion as an addendum to the recommendation in the report.

Draft Ordinances dealing with Bursaries in Divinity

On the motion of Dr. Bain, seconded by the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, it was unanimously agreed to approve and adopt the Committee's report on Draft Ordinances, Aberdeen, Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22.

Draft Ordinance, Aberdeen, No. 21—Regulations for Drum Scholarship.

The approval and adoption of the Committee's report on the above Draft Ordinance was moved by Dr. Bain, and seconded by Hugh F. Campbell, M.A.

As an amendment the Rev. Gordon J. Murray moved as follows: "The Council is of opinion that the best way to

deal with the Drum Bursaries is to increase their number by partition, the Bursaries to be tenable for three years". 10th Oct., 1894.

Patrick Cooper, M.A., seconded this motion.

As a second amendment William Dey, LL.D., Aberdeen, moved: "That the Council should recommend the creation of four Drum Bursaries of £30 each, together with one Scholarship of £116".

The Rev. Charles Dunn, Birse, seconded this motion.

The two amendments of Mr. Murray and Dr. Dey having been put against each other, on a show of hands, there voted for the former 12, and for the latter 5.

Mr. Murray's amendment was therefore carried, and on being put against the motion of Dr. Bain, on a show of hands, there voted for the former 11, and for the latter 6.

The amendment of Mr. Murray was therefore carried, and the Council resolved in terms thereof.

Draft Ordinances dealing with Bursaries in Arts.

On the motion of Dr. Bain, seconded by the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, it was unanimously resolved to approve and adopt the Committee's report on the Draft Ordinances dealing with Bursaries in Arts, namely, Draft Ordinances, Aberdeen, Nos. 26-30, which are to regulate the Hutton, Simpson, Campbell, Fullerton, and Dr. Alexander Adam Foundations respectively.

On the motion of Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, it was unanimously resolved to remit to the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances to prepare a memorial, or memorials, embodying the Council's recommendations on the foregoing Draft Ordinances, and to transmit the same to the University Commissioners.

On the motion of the Rev. Gordon J. Murray it was resolved: "That it be remitted to the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances to arrange for a meeting with representatives of the University Court and Senatus, either or both, in order to approach the Commissioners by deputation, or otherwise, on the subject of the Draft Ordinances relating to Bursaries in the Faculties of Divinity and Arts".

It was unanimously resolved to reappoint the Business Committee, and the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances. Reappointment of Committees.

On the motion of Dr. Bain, the Council adjourned to meet on Saturday, 19th January, 1895, at one o'clock P.M. Adjournment to 19th January next.

The meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXIXa.
19th Jan., 1895.

On the nineteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met by adjournment from the statutory half-yearly Meeting held 10th October, 1894—the Principal in the Chair.

After prayer by the President, in the unavoidable absence of the Clerk, who had gone to Glasgow on necessary business connected with the University Court, Mr. Patrick Cooper, M.A., advocate, on the motion of the Principal, was requested to act as Clerk, and consented.

The Minutes of last meeting, held 10th October, 1894, were approved.

The Queen in Council has approved of Ordinance No. 51.

There was laid on the table from the Scottish Universities Commission a copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, of date 15th October, 1894, approving of the following Ordinance, viz.:—

Ordinance No. 51 [Aberdeen, No. 8—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 26 (Aberdeen, No. 2—Regulations as to application of Parliamentary Grants, as to Salaries, and for the institution of a Fee Fund, and for other purposes)].

Five Draft Ordinances issued by the Commission.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following five Draft Ordinances, issued respectively on the dates given below, with intimation in the case of each that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on the date named, viz.:—

(*a*) Of date 31st October, 1894—the three months expiring 31st January, 1895—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 31—Regulations as to Parliamentary Grants, as to Salaries, and for the institution of a Fee Fund, and for other purposes, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 25, 26, 27 and 46].

(*b*) Of date 17th November, 1894—the three months expiring 16th February, 1895—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 30—Establishment of the General University Court].

(*c*) Of date 21st November, 1894—the three months expiring 21st February, 1895—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 32—Date of Rectorial Election].

(*d*) Of date 28th November, 1894—the three months expiring 28th February, 1895— 19th Jan., 1895.

Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 32—Common Bursary Fund].

(*e*) Of date 28th December, 1894—the three months expiring 28th March, 1895—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 33—Accumulations of Revenues of Foundations].

Report of Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances.

The Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances, having considered the foregoing Draft Ordinances, now submitted the following report on them viz. :—

"Since the meeting of Council in October last, the following Draft Ordinances have been received from the Scottish Universities Commission, viz. :—

"General, No. 30—Establishment of the General University Court.

"General, No. 31—Regulations as to application of Parliamentary Grants, as to Salaries, and for the institution of a Fee Fund, and for other purposes, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 25, 26, 27 and 46.

"General, No. 32—Date of Rectorial Election.

"Aberdeen, No. 32—Common Bursary Fund.

"General, No. 33—Accumulations of Revenues of Foundations.

"The Committee has taken these Draft Ordinances into consideration, and begs to report thereon as follows :—

"General, No. 30—Establishment of the General University Court.

"By this Draft Ordinance the Commissioners propose to exercise the power conferred on them by the Statute of 1889, § 14 (14), to establish 'a General University Court of the four Universities, with a view of taking in review the general interests of the Universities, especially in regard to degrees and examinations, and with the duty of reporting to Her Majesty on new Ordinances or changes in existing Ordinances affecting all or any of the Universities, and with power to report to the Secretary for Scotland on matters connected with the Universities, upon which they may deem it to be of importance to represent their views, or upon subjects which may be specially referred to them by the Secretary for Scotland'.

'The Draft Ordinance provides that the General University Court shall consist of a President, to be nominated by the Crown and four Delegates—one to be appointed by the University Court of each of the Universities—all of whom are to continue in office for seven years.

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"To enable the General University Court to discharge its duties (as defined in § VI.) in respect of the general interests of the Universities, it is proposed (§ VII.) to empower the Court:—

"(1) To call for or receive and consider representations by the University Court or Senatus Academicus of any of the four Universities on any subject falling within the duties of the General University Court; and to require the production of documents:

"(2) To communicate to the University Court or Senatus Academicus of any of the four Universities their conclusions on any such subject:

"(3) To submit to Parliament from time to time a report of their proceedings.

"The expenses of the General University Court are proposed to be defrayed by the four Universities in the following proportions:—

St. Andrews, - - - - -	15 per cent.
Glasgow, - - - - - -	29 "
Aberdeen, - - - - - -	20 "
Edinburgh, - - - - -	36 "

"The Draft Ordinance also contains provisions for the regulation of the procedure of the General University Court.

"The Committee approves generally of the provisions of the Draft Ordinance except as to the following points, regarding which the Committee proposes that amendments should be made. It is recommended—(1) that the period of office of the President and Delegates should be four years instead of seven: and (2) that the General University Court should have power to call for or receive and consider representations, not only by the University Court or Senatus Academicus, but by the General Council of any of the four Universities, and to communicate their conclusions to the General Council as well as to the University Court or Senatus Academicus.

"General, No. 31—Regulations as to Finance, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 25, 26, 27 and 46.

"By this Draft Ordinance the Commissioners propose to ordain that, notwithstanding the provisions of Ordinances Nos. 25, 26, 27 and 46, a Professor whose normal salary as fixed by any of the said Ordinances is in excess of the average salary of the Chair for the five years preceding the passing of the Act of 1889 shall not be entitled to a salary greater than the average salary, unless he shall submit and give effect to such definition of the duties of the Chair as the University Court may determine.

"The Committee has no observations to make on this Draft Ordinance. 19th Jan., 1895.

"General, No. 32—Date of Rectorial Election.

"By this Draft Ordinance it is proposed to ordain that the election of Rector shall, so often as a vacancy in the office has occurred or is about to occur through expiration of the statutory term, take place on such day in the month of October or November then next ensuing as may be fixed by the University Court after consultation with the Senatus Academicus; provided that such date shall not be later than the second Saturday in November in any year; provided also that the Rector then elected shall not enter on his office until the expiration of the statutory term, or until a vacancy shall actually have occurred.

"On this Draft Ordinance the Committee has no observations to offer.

"Aberdeen, No. 32—Common Bursary Fund.
"General, No. 33—Accumulations of Revenues of Foundations.

"By Ordinance No. 28 [Aberdeen, No. 8—General Regulations relative to Bursaries and Scholarships] of the Commissioners under the Act of 1858, a Common Bursary Fund was established for the University of Aberdeen, into which there were directed to be paid the surplus income of certain Foundations and also the net unappropriated income for each year of each of the Bursary Foundations in the administration of the Senatus Academicus. Out of the Common Bursary Fund the expense of examinations for scholarships and bursaries is payable and the remainder is in terms of the Ordinance invested and the annual proceeds thereof accumulated with the capital. It was, however, provided by the Ordinance that each Foundation should have a claim upon the Fund, for the augmentation of the bursaries, scholarships or prizes on the Foundation and for other purposes, corresponding to the amount which such Foundation might have contributed to the Fund; but that no augmentation should be made from the Fund before the expiration of twenty years from the date of the Ordinance, and no second or subsequent augmentation should be made at a shorter interval than twenty years after the former.

"The Committee is informed that the Common Bursary Fund thus established now amounts to upwards of £10,000, and notwithstanding the lapse of more than twenty years from the date of the Ordinance, no augmentations have been made from the Fund.

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"By the former of the two Draft Ordinances now under consideration, it is proposed to ordain that the surplus income of the Foundations above mentioned shall cease to be paid into the Common Bursary Fund, and that the revenue of the accumulated surplus of that Fund shall hereafter be applicable by the University Court, after payment of expenses, to the augmentation of existing bursaries or scholarships, without reference to the amount contributed by Foundations, and also to the foundation of new scholarships. It is, however, proposed to ordain (§ 2) that the free income of each Foundation hitherto contributing to the Common Bursary Fund shall, unless otherwise provided by Ordinance, be annually applied by the University Court to the payment of the stipends of the bursars or scholars on each Foundation, and, in the event of there being any surplus revenue of any Foundation, it shall, until otherwise provided by Ordinance, be paid into the General University Fund.

"By the second of the two Draft Ordinances under consideration, it is proposed to ordain that, 'Accumulations of surplus income of any Foundation in any University and the surplus income of any such Foundation hereafter accruing shall, except when otherwise provided by Deed or by Ordinance of the said Commissioners, be added by the Trustees or Administrators to the Capital Fund of such Foundation'.

"It appears to the Committee that the proposals contained in the former of the two Draft Ordinances [Aberdeen, No. 32] are fair and reasonable in so far as they provide that the Common Bursary Fund, which has hitherto failed in one of its chief objects, should come to an end; and that the whole free income of each Foundation shall be annually applied to the payment of the stipends of bursars or scholars on such Foundation.

"The Committee, however, does not approve of the proposal to pay any surplus revenue of such Foundations into the General University Fund. It seems to the Committee that the second of the Draft Ordinances under consideration [General, No. 33] provides a more equitable destination for the surplus income of Foundations; and therefore the Committee recommends that Draft Ordinance, Aberdeen, No. 32, § 2, be amended by leaving out the words 'until otherwise provided by Ordinance under the first-mentioned Act, be paid into the General University Fund,' and inserting 'be added by the Trustees or Administrators to the Capital Fund of such Foundations,' instead thereof."

The Council resolved to consider *seriatim* the recommendations of the Committee in the foregoing Report.

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 30—Establishment of the General University Court]. 19th Jan., 1895.

Alexander Bain, LL.D., Aberdeen, moved, and Alexander Mackie, M.A., Aberdeen, seconded the approval and adoption of the Committee's report on the above Draft Ordinance.

As an amendment on this motion, it was moved by the Rev. James Smith, LL.D., Newhills, and seconded by the Rev. James Smith, B.D., Aberdeen, that the Council resolve to address a respectful representation to the Universitie Commission disapproving of this Draft Ordinance.

After debate, on a show of hands being taken, there voted eight for the amendment of Dr. Smith and three for the motion of Dr. Bain.

The amendment was therefore carried, and the Counci resolved in terms thereof.

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 31—Regulations as to Finance, etc.].

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 32—Date of Rectorial Election].

The Council unanimously approved and adopted the Committee's report on these two Draft Ordinances, and resolved to make no observations thereupon.

Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 32—Common Bursary Fund].

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 33—Accumulations of Revenues of Foundations].

On the motion of Dr. Bain, seconded by D. M. M. Milligan, M.A., Aberdeen, it was unanimously resolved to approve and adopt the Committee's report on the above, recommending an alteration of Section II. of Draft Ordinance [Aberdeen, No. 32].

It was also unanimously resolved to remit to the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances to prepare a memorial or memorials, embodying the Council's resolutions regarding the foregoing Draft Ordinances, namely, General, No. 30, and Aberdeen, No. 32, and to transmit the same to the Universities Commissioners.

The Council had before it the following letter of date 19th November, 1894, from the Secretary of the University Court to the Clerk of the General Council on the subject of the inauguration of the Mitchell Hall and the Students' Union, viz.:—

19th Jan., 1895.
Letter from the University Court anent inauguration of the Mitchell Hall, etc.

"DEAR SIR,

"I am directed to intimate to you that, at its meeting on the 13th instant, the University Court—

"(1) Adopted the following resolution:—

"'That, on the completion of the Mitchell block of the University Buildings, the inauguration take place in the coming year, 1895, of the Mitchell Graduation Hall and the Students' Union, at which ceremonial graduates, alumni and students, as well as all interested at home or abroad, shall be invited to take part';

"(2) Appointed a Committee to consider and report as to arrangements for the inauguration of the Mitchell Hall and the Students' Union above referred to;

"(3) Directed me to communicate with you on the subject, and to request that the General Council would appoint, at the earliest opportunity, a Committee of five to act, along with Committees from other bodies, as a Joint-Committee with the Committee of Court, in carrying out the above object.

"Yours truly,

"ROBERT WALKER,

"*Secretary of the University Court.*"

On the motion of Dr. Alexander Bain, it was unanimously resolved that such Committee be appointed, and the following were named members thereof, viz.: P. J. Anderson, M.A., LL.B., Aberdeen; the Rev. James Cooper, M.A., D.D., Aberdeen; Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen; Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. Wm. Johnston, M.A., M.D., Aberdeen; the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, M.A., D.D., Aberdeen.

The meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

On the tenth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair. **LXX. 10th April, 1895.**

After prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 19th January, 1895, were approved.

There were laid before the Council letters from the Scottish Universities Commission intimating that, on the dates named, the following Ordinances had been laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, viz.:— **Ordinances Nos. 59-66, 102-117, and 130, 132 have been laid before Parliament.**

(*a*) On 21st February, 1895—

Ordinance No. 59 [General, No. 21—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 9 (General, No. 4—General Council)].

Ordinance No. 60 [General, No. 22—Regulations for the Students' Representative Council].

Ordinance No. 61 [General, No. 23—Regulations for the Encouragement of Special Study and Research, and for the Appointment of Research Fellows].

Ordinance No. 63 [General, No. 25—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity].

Ordinance No. 64 [General, No. 26—Regulations for the Custody and Management of Libraries].

Ordinance No. 65 [General, No. 27—Regulations as to Lecturers, supplementary to Ordinance No. 17].

Ordinance No. 66 [General, No. 28—Regulations as to Examiners].

(*b*) On 25th February, 1895—

Ordinance No. 62 [General, No. 24—Regulations for Higher Degrees in Arts and Science].

(*c*) On 19th March, 1895—

Ordinance No. 102 [Aberdeen, No. 10—Regulations for Launie Foundation].

Ordinance No. 103 [Aberdeen, No. 11—Regulations for Cowe and Clerihew Foundations].

Ordinance No. 104 [Aberdeen, No. 12—Regulations for Stuart Foundation].

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Ordinance No. 105 [Aberdeen, No. 13—Regulations for the Bequest of the Rev. William Anderson].

Ordinance No. 106 [Aberdeen, No. 14—Regulations for Wilson Travelling Fellowship].

Ordinance No. 107 [Aberdeen, No. 15—Regulations for King William Scholarship].

Ordinance No. 108 [Aberdeen, No. 16—Regulations for Burnet Foundation].

Ordinance No. 109 [Aberdeen, No. 17—Regulations for the Bruce and Fraser Scholarship].

Ordinance No. 110 [Aberdeen, No. 18—Regulations for Findlay Foundation].

Ordinance No. 111 [Aberdeen, No 19—Regulations for Drum Foundation].

Ordinance No. 112 [Aberdeen, No. 20—Regulations for the Corbet Foundation].

Ordinance No. 113 [Aberdeen, No. 21—Regulations for Greig and Mackintosh Foundations].

Ordinance No. 114 [Aberdeen, No. 22—Regulations for Ruddiman and Ninian Bruce Foundations].

Ordinance No. 115 [Aberdeen, No. 23—Regulations for Hutton Foundation].

Ordinance No. 116 [Aberdeen, No. 24—Regulations for Campbell Foundation].

Ordinance No. 117 [Aberdeen, No. 25—Regulations for Fullerton Foundation].

(*d*) On 25th March, 1895—

Ordinance No. 130 [Aberdeen, No. 26—Arrangements as to Sites of Classes].

Ordinance No. 132 [Aberdeen, No. 27—Regulations for Degrees in Science in Agriculture].

Draft Ordinance, General, No. 34, issued by the Commission.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission copies of Draft Ordinance [General, No. 34—Regulations with regard to Matriculated Students], issued 22nd March, with intimation that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on 22nd June next.

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Report of Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances.

The Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances, having considered the foregoing Ordinances, now submitted the following Report on them, viz. :—

"The Committee has to report that, as will be seen by the programme of business, a large number of Ordinances have, since the date of last meeting of the Council, been issued by the Universities Commission in their final form, and have been laid before Parliament.

"The first of these is Ordinance No. 59 [General, No. 21—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 9 (General, No. 4—General Council)], which simply ordains that: 'At meetings of the General Council the Chairman of the meeting shall decide all points of order'. In the Draft form of this Ordinance the Commissioners proposed to enact that: 'At meetings of the General Council the Chairman of the meeting shall decide all points of order and questions as to competency of motions or amendments'. The Committee considers that the objectionable features of the Draft Ordinance are now greatly, if not wholly, removed.

"Ordinances Nos. 60-66, inclusive, are all of a general character and do not appear to call for any remark.

"Ordinances Nos. 102-117, inclusive, relate to the University of Aberdeen, and deal with foundations and bequests. Of these, Nos. 102, 103, 104, 113, 114 which combine certain small bursaries into larger, and No. 106 which deals with the Wilson Travelling Fellowship, were passed in Draft form without remark by the Council, and the Committee has no observations now to offer on them.

"Ordinance No. 105 [Aberdeen, No. 13—Regulations for the Bequest of the Rev. William Anderson] gives power to the University Court to establish a Lectureship on 'Comparative Psychology,' instead of 'Comparative Psychology and Philology,' as proposed in the Draft form of the Ordinance conformably with the terms of the deed of foundation. The change thus made carries out, in the main, the views expressed by the Council, which recommended as the subject of the Lectureship 'Comparative Psychology, and that the Lecturer shall advert to the relationship existing between Psychology and Philology,' or, as an alternative proposal, that the subject should be 'Comparative Psychology' and 'Comparative Philology,' alternately every period of two years.

"Ordinances Nos. 107-112, inclusive, and Nos. 115-117, inclusive, which deal with bursary and scholarship foundations in the Faculties of Divinity and Arts, were all, in Draft form, considered by the Council at its meeting in October. It may be remembered that the Council not only remitted to this Committee to embody in a Memorial to the Commission the Council's views on the said Draft Ordinances, but the

10th April, 1896. Committee, under remit from the Council, further arranged with the University Court and Senatus for a joint-deputation to the Commissioners on the subject. The Committee has now to report with satisfaction that the views of the Council as embodied in the Memorial and represented to the Commission by the delegates, Dr. James Moir and the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, have practically been given effect to.

"Omitting minor details, it may be stated with reference to the Ordinances which deal with bursaries and scholarships in the Faculty of Divinity (1) that the objectionable proposal to establish presentation scholarships has been wholly departed from; (2) that the four large Drum bursaries, which in practice had come to be held for one year only, are subdivided into eight, tenable for four years; (3) that the four small Corbet bursaries have been combined into two; and (4) that the two Burnet bursaries have been combined into one.

"Two scholarships, each of the value of £100, or thereby, for two years, have been established in the Faculty of Divinity, namely, the King William scholarship, out of the four Watt bursaries and the two King William (III.) bursaries; and the Bruce and Fraser scholarship, out of the five Bruce and the one Fraser bursaries.

"With reference to the Ordinances which deal with bursaries in the Faculty of Arts, the Committee has to report that (1) the four Burnet bursaries have been combined into two; (2) the thirteen Hutton bursaries, of values from £12 to £18 a year each, have been combined into ten, namely, three of £24, three of £20, and four of £18 a year each, the Hutton prize of £30 remaining as at present; (3) the eight Campbell bursaries, four of £18 and four of £14 10s. each, are combined into six all of equal value; and (4) of the fourteen Fullerton bursaries, the nine of £15 a year each are left as they are, while the five of £20 each are combined to form one scholarship of £100 a year, tenable for two years.

"It appears that the three Draft Ordinances which proposed to deal with the Ramsay foundation in Divinity and with the Simpson and Adam foundations in Arts, to all of which the Council took objection, have been withdrawn.

"On the whole, the effect of the changes made on the Draft Ordinances is as follows:—

"*Firstly*, as to scholarships: only two have been established in the Faculty of Divinity, instead of five, as proposed, and only one in the Faculty of Arts, instead of six.

"*Secondly*, as to bursaries: the threatened sacrifice of so many valuable and useful bursaries has not been carried out, but the number of small and practically inoperative bursaries has been reduced.

"The Committee, in view of the resolution to which the

Council came in October last, considers it would be out of place to submit any remarks on Ordinance No. 130 [Aberdeen, No. 26—Arrangements as to Sites of Classes]. The Ordinance remains in the form in which it appeared in Draft. 10th April, 1895.

"DRAFT ORDINANCE [GENERAL, No. 34—REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO MATRICULATED STUDENTS].

"The Committee has no remarks to make on this Draft Ordinance, which proposes to enact as follows:—

"'No person should be deemed to be a matriculated student in any University or shall enjoy any of the privileges conferred upon matriculated students by any Act of Parliament, Ordinance, or Deed, unless, in addition to paying the matriculation fee, he has also been enrolled as a student in attendance in one or more classes in one or other of the Faculties in the University, and has paid the fees entitling him to such attendance'."

The Council resolved to consider *seriatim* the recommendations of the Committee in the foregoing report.

Ordinance No. 59 [General, No. 21—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 9 (General, No. 4—General Council)].

Alexander Bain, LL.D., Aberdeen, moved the approval and adoption of the Committee's report on the above Ordinance.

This motion was seconded by the Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, D.D., Aberdeen.

As an amendment, Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, moved—"That the Council do petition both Houses of Parliament to present addresses to the Queen praying Her Majesty to withhold her approbation from Ordinance No. 59, General, No. 21".

The Rev. Prof. Johnston, D.D., seconded this amendment.

On a show of hands being taken, there voted—for the motion, 8; and for the amendment, 4.

The motion of Dr. Bain was therefore carried, and the Council resolved in terms thereof.

Mr. Cooper and Prof. Johnston dissented from this resolution of the Council, "because the Ordinance is an encroachment on the constitutional rights, and a breach of the privileges of this Council".

The Council unanimously approved of the Committee's report on Ordinances Nos. 60-66, 102-104, and 106-117.

Ordinance No. 105 [Aberdeen, No. 13—Regulations for the Bequest of the Rev. Wm. Anderson].

10th April, 1895. Dr. Alexander Bain moved, and the Rev. Dr. Salmond seconded, the approval and adoption of the Committee's report on the above Ordinance.

As an amendment, Prof. Harrower, M.A., moved, and James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Aberdeen, seconded—"That the Council do petition both Houses of Parliament to present addresses to the Queen praying Her Majesty to withhold her approbation from Ordinance No. 105, Aberdeen, No. 13".

On a show of hands being taken, there voted—for the motion, 6; and for the amendment, 7.

The amendment was therefore carried, and the Council resolved accordingly.

The Council remitted to the mover and seconder of the amendment to draw up and forward petitions to both Houses of Parliament against the above Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 130 [Aberdeen, No. 26—Arrangements as to Sites of Classes].

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 34—Regulations with regard to Matriculated Students].

The Council approved of the views of the Committee with regard to the above, and resolved to make no remarks on either.

Annual Report of the University as to Statistics for 1893-4.

There was laid before the Council from the Secretary for Scotland, in terms of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, a copy of the Annual Report of the University as to Statistics for the year, from 1st October, 1893, to 30th September, 1894.

Reappointment of Committees.

It was unanimously resolved to reappoint the Business Committee, and also the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances.

Notice of motion by Dr. Moir for adjourned meeting.

James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Aberdeen, called the attention of the Council to changes in regard to the training of teachers introduced into the Scotch Code, 1895, and gave notice of the following motion on the subject for any adjournment of this meeting, viz.:—

"The Council, while approving of teachers being trained in the Universities, objects to their being admitted on easier terms than other students, and resolves that a small Committee be appointed to consider the whole question, and report".

Adjournment to 27th July next.

The Council thereupon adjourned to meet on Saturday, 27th July next, at one o'clock P.M.

The meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

On the twenty-seventh day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met by adjournment from the statutory half-yearly meeting held 10th April, 1895—the Principal in the chair. LXXa. 27th July, 1895.

After prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 10th April, 1895, were approved.

There were laid on the table from the Scottish Universities Commission copies of Orders of Her Majesty in Council, of the respective dates given below, approving of the Ordinances named, viz.:— Queen in Council has approved of Ordinances Nos. 55, 57-66.

(*a*) Dated 11th May, 1895—

Ordinance No. 55 [Aberdeen, No. 9—Regulations for Degrees in Medicine, supplementary to Ordinance No. 15].

Ordinance No. 57 [General, No. 19—Regulations as to Bursaries, Scholarships, and Fellowships].

Ordinance No. 58 [General, No. 20—Regulations for admitting Women to Bursaries, Scholarships, and Fellowships].

(*b*) Dated 29th June, 1895—

Ordinance No. 59 [General, No. 21—Supplementary to Ordinance No. 9 (General, No. 4—General Council)].

Ordinance No. 60 [General, No. 22—Regulations for the Students' Representative Council].

Ordinance No. 61 [General, No. 23—Regulations for the Encouragement of Special Study and Research, and for the Appointment of Research Fellows].

Ordinance No. 62 [General, No. 24—Regulations for Higher Degrees in Arts and Science].

Ordinance No. 63 [General, No. 25—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity].

Ordinance No. 64 [General, No. 26—Regulations as to Custody and Management of Libraries].

27th July, 1895.

Ordinance No. 65 [General, No. 27—Regulations as to Lecturers, supplementary to Ordinance No. 17].

Ordinance No. 66 [General, No. 28—Regulations as to Examiners].

Ordinances Nos. 137-140 and 144 have been laid before Parliament.

There were laid before the Council letters from the Scottish Universities Commission intimating that, on the dates named, the following Ordinances, of which copies were forwarded, had been laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, viz.:—

(*a*) On 23rd April, 1895—

Ordinance No. 137 [General, No. 29—Regulations as to application of Parliamentary Grants, as to Salaries, and for the Institution of a Fee Fund, and for other purposes, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 25, 26, 27, and 46].

Ordinance No. 138 [Aberdeen, No. 28—Common Bursary Fund].

Ordinance No. 139 [General, No. 30—Date of Rectorial Election].

Ordinance No. 140 [General, No. 31—Revenues of Foundations].

(*b*) On 8th May, 1895—

Ordinance No. 144 [General, No. 17—Supplementary Powers of University Court].

Ordinance No. 147 has been transmitted to the Secretary for Scotland to be laid before Parliament.

There was laid before the Council from the Scottish Universities Commission a letter dated 26th July, 1895, enclosing copy of the following Ordinance which had, on that day, been transmitted to the Secretary for Scotland, with the request that it be laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, viz.:—

Ordinance No. 147] General, No. 32—Regulations with regard to Matriculated Students].

A Draft Ordinance (General, No. 35) issued by the Commission.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following Draft Ordinance issued 20th July, 1895, with intimation that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any

amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on 20th December next, viz.:— **27th July, 1895.**

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 35—Regulations for Degrees in Arts, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 11 and 44].

There was read a letter to the Clerk, of date 26th July, from Dr. Alexander Bain, Convener of the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances, who was unable to be present, pointing out the effect of the above Draft Ordinance by a comparison of its provisions with those of the clauses of Ordinances Nos. 11 and 44, which it proposes to amend. The Convener considered that, in view of the October meeting of the Council, this single Ordinance did not justify him in summoning the Draft Ordinances Committee at the present stage.

After consideration, the Council remitted to the Committee the Convener's letter, along with the Draft Ordinance itself, for report, if so advised, against next meeting.

Report by Committee on arrangements for Inauguration of Mitchell Hall and Students' Union.

The Committee appointed on 19th January last, to act along with Committees of the University Court and other bodies, in arranging for the Inauguration of the Mitchell Hall and Students' Union, gave in the following report, viz.:—

"The Committee begs to report that the following provisional Programme has been prepared by the Joint-Committee of the University Court, General Council, Senatus Academicus, Students' Representative Council and Town Council of Aberdeen, and has been approved by the University Court, viz.:—

"PROGRAMME OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 20TH OCTOBER, 1895.

"*Tuesday, 22nd October.*—Grand Reception by the Court and Senatus, and Conversazione (8 to 11 P.M.) in Marischal College Buildings; all halls, museums and laboratories thrown open, with Musical Programme in the Mitchell Hall.

Classes discontinued for remainder of week.

"*Wednesday, 23rd October.*—Inauguration of the Tower, at 11 A.M., by completion with clock presented by Dr. C. Mitchell—Response of bells in the city —Ceremony of opening the Students' Union in presence of the Chancellor, with Presentation of Address to the Donor, by the Students'

27th July, 1895.

Representative Council—Inauguration of Hall by the Chancellor—Luncheon given by Dr. C. Mitchell at 2 P.M.

"*Thursday, 24th October.*—Freedom of the City to Dr. Chas. Mitchell at 12 noon—Luncheon by the Lord Provost at 1 P.M.—Rectorial Address in the Mitchell Hall at 4 P.M.—Torch-light Procession of Students, 8·30 P.M.

"*Friday, 25th October.*—Presentation of Address and Commemorative Medal by the Court and Senatus to Dr. C. Mitchell, in the Mitchell Hall, at 11 A.M.—Thereafter Conferring of Honorary Degrees (D.D. and LL.D.)—Religious Service in the University Chapel, King's College Buildings, 3 to 4 P.M.—Dinner given by the University Court and Senatus to the Chancellor, the Rector, and Dr. Chas. Mitchell, at 7·30 P.M."

On the motion of the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, M.A., B.D., Aberdeen, seconded by William Dey, M.A., LL.D., Aberdeen, the report was approved and adopted.

Motion by Dr. Moir anent training of teachers is continued till October meeting.

In the unavoidable absence of Dr. James Moir, Aberdeen, it was resolved to allow the motion on the subject of the training of teachers, of which notice for this meeting was given by him at the meeting on 10th April last, to be continued until the meeting in October ensuing.

Annual Report of the University as to Finance for the year 1893-4.

There was laid before the Council from the Secretary for Scotland, in terms of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, a copy of the Financial Report of the University for the year ending 15th September, 1894.

The meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXXI. 9th Oct., 1895.

On the ninth day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—in the absence of the Chancellor, Rector, Principal, Chancellor's Assessor, and Rector's Assessor, Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B., Aberdeen, on the motion of Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, being called to the Chair.

The Rev. Wm. R. Bruce, M.A., New Machar, having opened the meeting with prayer,

Election of two Assessors.

Under, and in terms of, Ordinance No. 10, General No. 5, Section (5) of the Commissioners for the purposes of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, the Council proceeded to the Election of two Assessors of the Council in the University Court, when the following nominations were made :—

Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D., LL.D., Newhills Manse, Aberdeen, proposed by Rev. William Robertson Bruce, M.A., The Manse, New Machar, and seconded by Rev. James Robertson, M.A., D.D., 8 Marine Terrace, Aberdeen.

Angus Fraser, M.A., M.D., 232 Union Street, Aberdeen, proposed by Robert John Garden, M.D., 15 Golden Square, Aberdeen, and seconded by Alexander Mackie, M.A., teacher, King's Gate, Aberdeen.

Whereupon, there being no other candidates nominated for the two vacancies, the Chairman declared the said Rev. Dr. James Smith and Dr. Angus Fraser to be duly elected Assessors of the Council in the University Court.

The Minutes of last meeting, held 27th July, 1895, were approved.

Minute of condolence on decease of Dr. Chas. Mitchell.

On the motion of Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, Convener of the Business Committee, it was unanimously resolved "That there be placed on record an expression of the Council's deep regret at the unexpected death, on the 22nd of August last, of Charles Mitchell, LL.D., of Jesmond Towers, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to whose munificence the University has recently been so largely indebted in connection with its Buildings Extension Scheme; and that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. C. W. Mitchell as an expression of the Council's sympathy with Mrs. Mitchell, senior, and himself in their bereavement".

Mr. Cooper, on behalf of the Committee appointed 19th January last, stated that, in consequence of Dr. Mitchell's

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death, the programme of arrangements for the inauguration of the Mitchell Hall and Students' Union, recorded in the Minutes of last meeting, had been restricted, and was now as follows :—

PROGRAMME OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR 24TH AND 25TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Thursday, 24th October.—Inauguration of the Tower, at 11 A.M., by completion with clock presented by Dr. C. Mitchell—Response of bells in the city—Ceremony of opening the Students' Union—Luncheon by the Lord Provost in Town Hall at 1 P.M.—Commemoration Service in King's College Chapel at 3·30 P.M.—Reception and conversazione (8 to 11 P.M.) in Marischal College Buildings.

Friday, 25th October.—Inaugural religious service and presentation of address and commemorative medal by the Court and Senatus to Mr. C. W. Mitchell, in the Mitchell Hall, at 11 A.M.—Thereafter conferring of Honorary Degrees (D.D. and LL.D.)—University luncheon in Lower Hall at 1·30 P.M.—Rectorial address in Mitchell Hall at 3 P.M.—Dinner given by the University Court and Senatus to the Rector at 7·30 P.M.—Torch-light procession of students at 8 P.M.

Motion by Dr. Moir anent training of teachers.

James Moir, LL.D., Aberdeen, moved—

"That the Council, while approving of teachers being trained in the Universities, objects to their being admitted on easier terms than other students, and resolves that a small Committee be appointed to consider the whole question and report".

This motion was seconded by Alexander Mackie, M.A., Aberdeen.

After discussion, the Council allowed Dr. Moir, with consent of his seconder, to alter his motion to the following, viz. :—

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the whole question of the University training of teachers and to report".

This was unanimously agreed to, and the following Committee was appointed, viz. :—Alexander Mackie, M.A., Aberdeen; James Moir, LL.D., Aberdeen; Joseph Ogilvie, LL.D., Aberdeen; Rev. Professor Pirie, Aberdeen; and Rev. James Robertson, D.D., Aberdeen—Dr. Moir to be Convener.

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There were laid on the table from the Scottish Universities Commission copies of Orders of Her Majesty in Council, of date 13th August, 1895, approving of the following Ordinances, viz. :—

Queen in Council has approved of Ordinances Nos. 102-117, 130 and 132.

Ordinance No. 102 [Aberdeen, No. 10—Regulations for Launie Foundation].

Ordinance No. 103 [Aberdeen, No. 11—Regulations for Cowe and Cleribew Foundations].

Ordinance No. 104 [Aberdeen, No. 12—Regulations for Stuart Foundation].

Ordinance No. 105 [Aberdeen, No. 13—Regulations for the Bequest of the Rev. William Anderson].

Ordinance No. 106 [Aberdeen, No. 14—Regulations for Wilson Travelling Fellowship].

Ordinance No. 107 [Aberdeen, No. 15—Regulations for King William Scholarship].

Ordinance No. 108 [Aberdeen, No. 16—Regulations for Burnet Foundation].

Ordinance No. 109 [Aberdeen, No. 17—Regulations for Bruce and Fraser Scholarship].

Ordinance No. 110 [Aberdeen, No. 18—Regulations for Findlay Foundation].

Ordinance No. 111 [Aberdeen, No. 19—Regulations for Drum Foundation].

Ordinance No. 112 [Aberdeen, No. 20—Regulations for Corbet Foundation].

Ordinance No. 113 [Aberdeen, No. 21—Regulations for Greig and Mackintosh Foundations].

Ordinance No. 114 [Aberdeen, No. 22—Regulations for Ruddiman and Ninian Bruce Foundations].

Ordinance No. 115 [Aberdeen, No. 23—Regulations for Hutton Foundation].

Ordinance No. 116 [Aberdeen, No. 24—Regulations for Campbell Foundation].

Ordinance No. 117 [Aberdeen, No. 25—Regulations for Fullerton Foundation].

Ordinance No. 130 [Aberdeen, No. 26—Arrangements as to Sites of Classes].

Ordinance No. 132 [Aberdeen, No. 27—Regulations for Degrees in Science in Agriculture].

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Ordinance No. 147 laid before Parliament.

There was laid before the Council a letter from the Scottish Universities Commission intimating that on 12th August last the following Ordinance, of which a copy was forwarded, had been laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, viz.:—

Ordinance No. 147 [General, No. 32—Regulations with regard to Matriculated Students].

Appointment of Business Committee.

It was unanimously resolved to reappoint the Business Committee as under, viz.:—The Principal, the four Assessors in the University Court, and the Clerk of Council, all *ex officiis;* and Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B.; Alexander Bain, M.A.. LL.D.; Alexander Thomas Gordon Beveridge, M.A., M.B.; Rev. David Brown, M.A., D.D.; Hugh Fraser Campbell, M.A., B.L.; Patrick Cooper, M.A.; Robert John Garden, M.D.; David Macbeth Moir Milligan, M.A.; Rev. James Robertson, M.A., D.D.; Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D. (Aberdeen):—Mr. Cooper to be Convener.

Appointment of Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances.

It was unanimously resolved to reappoint the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances as under, viz.:—Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B.; Alexander Bain, M.A., LL.D.; Alexander Thomas Gordon Beveridge, M.A., M.B.; James Mackenzie Booth, M.A., M.D.; Hugh Fraser Campbell, M.A., B.L.; Patrick Cooper, M.A.; Charles Brown Davidson; William Dey, M.A., LL.D.; Angus Fraser, M.A., M.D.; Robert John Garden, M.D.; John Gordon, M.D.; David Littlejohn; Alexander MacGregor, M.D.; Alexander Mackie, M.A.; David Macbeth Moir Milligan, M.A.; James Moir, M.A., LL.D.; Rev. Gordon John Murray, M.A., B.D.; Rev. Alexander Ogilvie, M.A., LL.D.; Joseph Ogilvie, M.A., LL.D.; Rev. James Robertson, M.A., D.D.; Rev. Stewart Dingwall Fordyce Salmond, M.A., D.D.; Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D., LL.D. (Newhills); Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D. (Aberdeen):—Dr. Bain to be Convener.

Adjournment to 11th January, 1896.

On the motion of Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, the Council adjourned to Saturday, the 11th January, 1896, at one o'clock P.M.

The meeting then closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

(Signed) P. J. ANDERSON.

On the eleventh day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met by adjournment from the statutory half-yearly meeting held 9th October, 1895—the Principal in the Chair. **LXXIa.** **11th Jan., 1896.**

After prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 9th October, 1895, were approved.

There was read the following letter addressed to the Clerk, viz. :— Letter from Mr. C. W. Mitchell.

"JESMOND TOWERS,
"NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, 31*st October*, 1895.

"DEAR SIR,

"Will you have the goodness to convey on behalf of my mother and myself our grateful thanks to the General Council of the University of Aberdeen for their expressions of regret at my father's death and sympathy with us in our irreparable loss?

"The universal kindness shown us by all connected with the University has been keenly felt and appreciated by us.

"Faithfully yours,
"C. W. MITCHELL."

Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, moved as follows, viz. :— Remit anent a Scheme for Extension and Endowment.

"That it be referred to the Business Committee to consider whether any, and, if so, what steps should be taken to associate the Alumni and other friends of this University in a scheme for its further Extension and better Endowment, and to report thereupon to the Council".

This motion was seconded by the Rev. James Sutherland, M.A., D.D., Aberdeen, and unanimously agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Cooper, it was further resolved—"That, for the purpose of the above reference, the Business Committee have power to add to its number".

The meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXXII.
15th April, 1896.

On the fifteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair.

After prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 11th January, 1896, were approved.

Ordinance No. 148 laid before Parliament.

There was laid before the Council a letter from the Scottish Universities Commission, intimating that on 28th February, 1896, Ordinance No. 148 [General, No. 33—Regulations for Degrees in Arts, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 11 and 44], of which a copy was enclosed, had been laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Four Draft Ordinances issued by the Commission.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following four Draft Ordinances, issued respectively on the dates given below, with intimation in the case of each that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on the date named, viz. :—

(*a*) Of date 5th March, 1896—the three months expiring 5th June—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 36—Regulations as to Resignation of Professors and Lecturers].

(*b*) Of date 17th March, 1896—the three months expiring 17th June—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 37—Regulations as to Examinations, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 13 and 43].

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 38—Regulations as to Fees, supplementary to Ordinance No. 50].

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 39—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity, supplementary to Ordinance No. 63].

The Council proceeded to consider these Draft Ordinances *seriatim*, there being no report on them from the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances. Extracts from the Draft Ordinances were before the Council.

DRAFT ORDINANCE [GENERAL, NO. 46—REGULATIONS AS TO RESIGNATION OF PROFESSORS AND LECTURERS].

By this Draft Ordinance it is proposed to enact as follows :—

"I. It shall be in the power of any Professor or Lecturer in any University who may desire to resign his Professorship or Lectureship, to intimate such resignation, subject to the condition that it shall not, except as hereinafter provided, take effect until a subsequent date, such date being not later than four months after such intimation. 15th April, 1896.

"II. On such resignation being accepted by the University Court, it shall be in the power of the patron of the vacant office to appoint to the vacancy; but such appointment shall not take effect till the date mentioned in the intimation.

"III. It shall be in the power of the University Court to make such disposal of the income of the vacant Chair or Lectureship for the period between the acceptance of the resignation and the date of its taking effect, as shall seem to be equitable."

On the motion of Alexander Bain, M.A., LL.D., Aberdeen, Convener of the Committee on Draft Ordinances, it was unanimously resolved not to offer any observations on this Draft Ordinance.

DRAFT ORDINANCE [GENERAL, NO. 37—REGULATIONS AS TO EXAMINATIONS, SUPPLEMENTARY TO ORDINANCES NOS. 13 AND 43].

The enacting clause of this Draft Ordinance is as follows:—

"I. It shall be lawful for the University Court in any University, with the concurrence of the University Courts of all the other Universities, to direct the Examiners of such University to examine candidates at Inverness who present themselves there for the Preliminary Examination in Arts, Science, and Medicine, or for the Examination for first year's bursaries in Arts and Science in that University; provided that previous to such examination adequate regulations for the conduct and supervision of such examination shall have been made and approved by the University Court in each University".

After discussion, Dr. Bain moved—"That, as regards Draft Ordinance, General, No. 37, the Council is of opinion that no sufficient grounds have been assigned for the adoption of a proposal so obviously cumbrous and costly".

This motion was seconded by James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Aberdeen.

As an amendment, it was moved by P. J. Anderson, M.A., LL.B., Aberdeen—"That the Council resolve to offer no observations on this Draft Ordinance".

This amendment was seconded by James S. Shewan, M.A., Aberdeen.

On a show of hands there voted for the motion 4, and for

15th April, 1886. the amendment 9. The amendment was therefore carried, and the Council, in terms thereof, resolved to offer no observations upon this Draft Ordinance.

DRAFT ORDINANCE [GENERAL, No. 38—REGULATIONS AS TO FEES, SUPPLEMENTARY TO ORDINANCE No. 50].

The enacting clause is as follows:—

"1. The fees for degrees in any Faculty under the provisions of the above recited Ordinances [Nos. 14, 15, 16, 50 and 62] shall be exigible from candidates for graduation at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed by Regulation of the University Court".

On the motion of Dr. Bain, it was unanimously resolved not to offer any observations on this Draft Ordinance.

DRAFT ORDINANCE [GENERAL, No. 39—REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF DIVINITY, SUPPLEMENTARY TO ORDINANCE No. 63].

The enacting clause is as follows:—

"I. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section I. of the said recited Ordinance [Ordinance No. 63], the Senatus Academicus may, under the provisions of Section II. thereof, admit candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity to examination in not more than three of the subjects, after the completion of the second session of attendance on their Theological course".

Dr. Bain moved that the Council offer no observations on this Draft Ordinance, and the motion was seconded by Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen.

As an amendment, the Rev. Gordon J. Murray, M.A., B.D., Aberdeen, moved that the Council express disapproval of this Draft Ordinance, and this was seconded by the Rev. Prof. Johnston, D.D.

On a show of hands, there voted for the motion 7, and for the amendment 4. The motion was therefore carried, and the Council, in terms thereof, resolved to offer no observations upon this Draft Ordinance.

Report by the Business Committee on remit anent a Scheme for Extension and Endowment.

On the reference made to the Business Committee at last meeting anent a proposed scheme for the further Extension and better Endowment of the University, the Committee submitted the following report, viz.:—

"Before proceeding to the consideration of the matter referred to it, the Committee resolved to add to its number for that purpose the following members, viz.:—

The Deans of the five Faculties, viz.:—

Prof. Harrower, M.A.	Rev. Prof. Cowan, M.A., D.D.
Prof. Trail, M.A., M.D., F.R.S.	Prof. Dove Wilson, LL.D.
	Prof. Reid, M.D.

And

D. M. A. Chalmers, M.A.
Rev. Jas. Cooper, M.A., D.D.
Geo. M. Edmond, M.A., M.D.
David Littlejohn.
James Moir, M.A., LL.D.
Joseph Ogilvie, M.A., LL.D.
Rev. S. D. F. Salmond M.A., D.D.

"The Committee has since met and considered the subject referred to it, and has agreed to the following report:—

"If the University of Aberdeen is to hold its proper place among the Universities of this country, and fitly to discharge its duty to the community of the North and North-east of Scotland, extensive additions must be made to its equipment. Among its more pressing wants may be enumerated the following:—

"(1) Additional Library, Laboratory and Museum accommodation, and funds for the administration thereof and for the purchase of books, apparatus and specimens;

"(2) A Botanic Garden and funds for its maintenance;

"(3) Residential halls for male and for female students;

"(4) The establishment of new Professorships in the following subjects:—

(*a*) Education,
(*b*) French,
(*c*) German,
(*d*) History,
(*e*) Geology,
(*f*) Conveyancing,
(*g*) Roman Law;

"(5) The establishment of Lectureships in the following subjects:—

(*a*) Archæology,
(*b*) Astronomy,
(*c*) Celtic,
(*d*) Comparative Philology,
(*e*) Modern Languages,
(*f*) Political Economy,
(*g*) Engineering,
(*h*) Forestry.
(*i*) Veterinary Surgery,
(*k*) Pastoral Theology,
(*l*) Administrative Law,
(*m*) Constitutional Law and History,
(*n*) International Law,
(*o*) Jurisprudence,
(*p*) Mercantile Law;

"(6) The foundation of new Bursaries in the Faculties of Science, Law, and Medicine, and of Scholarships in all the Faculties.

"In view of these wants, it appears to the Committee that a vigorous movement should at once be initiated, for the purpose of obtaining the assistance of all interested in the prosperity of the University. An Association, which was founded in 1864 in connection with the University of Edinburgh, has done good service in making the wants of that University known to its friends, as well as in collecting funds for its further endowment. The Committee believes that a similar Association in connection with the University

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of Aberdeen would be a useful means of inviting public attention to its needs, and of receiving and administering funds—especially small sums—which might be contributed to its purposes.

"The Committee therefore recommends that such an Association should be formed, under the auspices of the General Council of this University, for the purpose of diffusing information as to the wants of the University, of collecting funds by means of subscriptions, donations, and legacies, and of applying the same to purposes tending to promote the efficiency of the University as a seat of learning.

"Should the Council approve of the foregoing recommendation, it is suggested that the matter be again referred to this Committee, with the members added as above, with power to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying the recommendation into effect."

On the motion of Patrick Cooper, M.A., it was resolved unanimously:—

"That the Report of the Committee be adopted, and that it be referred to the Business Committee and the other members of Council added thereto, as mentioned in the Report, to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying into effect the recommendation contained in the Report".

Report of Committee anent University Training of Teachers.

James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Aberdeen, Convener of the Committee on the University Training of Teachers, gave in a verbal report, and thereafter moved that the remit made to the Committee be now discharged.

This motion was seconded by Rev. James Robertson, M.A., D.D., Aberdeen, and unanimously agreed to.

Letter from the University Court anent a Local Committee for Aberdeen in connection with Training of Teachers.

There was submitted the following letter to the Clerk of Council from the Secretary of the University Court, viz.:—

"UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, 20*th March*, 1896.

"*Scotch Code* (1895)—*Training of Teachers.*

"DEAR SIR,

"I have been directed to make to you the following communication:—

"The University Court last year appointed a Committee to consider and report upon the changes introduced into the new Code (1895) of the Scotch Education Department, in so far as they relate to the Training of Teachers, and that Committee presented a report which the Court approved, in which, *inter alia*, the recommendation was made that the Court's Committee should be authorised to enter into negotiations with representatives of the Senatus, and of public educational bodies in Aberdeen (the School Board

and the Committees of the two Training Colleges), with a view to the appointment of a Local Committee to be responsible for carrying out the Department's arrangements under the new Code. 15th April, 1896.

"A Conference between the Committee of the Court and representatives of the above bodies was accordingly held on 24th February last, when the proposal to institute a Local Committee was unanimously approved, and the following finding as to its constitution was arrived at, viz. :—

"'The Conference resolved to report meantime to the University Court as to the constitution of the Committee, which it is recommended should be as follows, viz. : Three members appointed by the University Court, and two each by the General Council, the Senatus, the School Board, and the Committees of the two Training Colleges in Aberdeen, making in all thirteen members'.

"At its recent meeting, the University Court approved of the report of the Conference, and of the proposed constitution of the Local Committee, with this alteration, that the number of its members should be raised to fourteen, by the increase of the number of representatives of Senatus from two to three.

"By direction of the University Court, I have therefore now to request that the General Council would at its ensuing meeting appoint two representatives on the Local Committee accordingly.

"I send herewith a copy (1) of the report of Committee of Court recommending the appointment of a Local Committee, and (2) of the report of the Conference held 24th February.

"I am, yours truly,

"ROBERT WALKER,

"*Secretary of the University Court.*"

Wm. Dey, M.A., LL.D., Aberdeen, moved that the Council appoint as its representatives on the Local Committee in terms of the above letter, the following, viz. : P. J. Anderson, M.A., LL.B., Aberdeen, and James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Aberdeen. Two representatives on the Committee are appointed.

This motion was seconded by Rev. James Robertson, M.A., D.D., Aberdeen, and unanimously agreed to, and the Council, in terms thereof, appointed Dr. Moir and Mr. Anderson as its representatives on the Local Committee.

There were laid before the Council from the Secretary for Scotland, in terms of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, copies of the Annual Reports of the University of Aberdeen, as under, viz. :— Annual Reports of the University for 1894-5.

15th April, 1896. (1) Report as to Statistics for the year from 1st October, 1894, to 30th September, 1895;

(2) Abstract of Accounts of the University for the year ended 15th September, 1895.

Appointment of Business Committee. It was unanimously resolved to appoint the Business Committee as under, viz.: The Principal, the four Assessors in the University Court, and the Clerk of Council, all *ex officiis;* and Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B.; Alexander Bain, LL.D.; Alexander Thomas Gordon Beveridge, M.A., M.B., C.M.; Rev. David Brown, M.A., D.D.; Hugh Fraser Campbell, M.A., B.L.; Patrick Cooper, M.A.; Robert John Garden, M.D.; David Macbeth Moir Milligan, M.A.; Rev. Gordon John Murray, M.A., B.D.; Rev. James Robertson, M.A., D.D.; Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D. (Aberdeen):—Mr. Cooper to be Convener.

The Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances is not reappointed. Dr. Bain, Convener of the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances, after a verbal statement, moved as follows, viz.:—

"That the Committee on University Changes and Draft Ordinances be not reappointed, and that any further references from the Commission be taken in charge and brought up to the Council by the Business Committee".

The Committee is thanked for its services. This was unanimously agreed to, as was also a vote of thanks, moved by the Chairman, to the Committee, and to the Convener in particular, for their valuable services.

The meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

On the fourteenth day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Principal in the Chair. **LXXIII. 14th Oct., 1896.**

After prayer by the President, the Minutes of last meeting, held 15th April, 1896, were approved.

There were laid on the table from the Scottish Universities Commission copies of Orders of Her Majesty in Council, of date 29th June, 1896, approving of the following Ordinances, viz.:— Queen in Council has approved of Ordinances Nos. 137-40, 144, 147, 148.

Ordinance No. 137 [General, No. 29—Regulations as to application of Parliamentary Grants, as to Salaries, and for the institution of a Fee Fund, and for other purposes, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 25, 26, 27 and 46].

Ordinance No. 138 [Aberdeen, No. 28—Common Bursary Fund].

Ordinance No. 139 [General, No. 30 — Date of Rectorial Elections].

Ordinance No. 140 [General, No. 31—Revenues of Foundations].

Ordinance No. 144 [General, No. 17—Supplementary Powers of University Court].

Ordinance No. 147 [General, No. 32—Regulations with regard to Matriculated Students].

Ordinance No. 148 [General, No. 33—Regulations for Degrees in Arts, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 11 and 44].

There was laid before the Council a letter from the Scottish Universities Commission, intimating that on 30th July, 1896, the following Ordinances had been laid before both Houses of Parliament, in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, viz.:— Ordinances Nos. 151-4 laid before Parliament.

Ordinance No. 151 [General, No. 34—Regulations as to Resignation of Principals and Professors].

Ordinance No. 152 [General, No. 35—Regulations as to Examinations, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 13 and 43].

Ordinance No. 153 [General, No. 36—Regulations as to Fees, supplementary to Ordinance No. 50].

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Ordinance No. 154 [General, No. 37—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity, supplementary to Ordinance No. 63].

Two Draft Ordinances issued by the Commission.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following two Draft Ordinances, issued respectively on the dates given below, with intimation in the case of each that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on the date named, viz. :—

(*a*) Of date 12th May, 1896—the three months expiring 12th October—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 40—Regulations for Degrees in Science, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 12, 22, 35 and 134], with relative letter from the Commission, of date 22nd May.

(*b*) Of date 16th July, 1896—the three months expiring 16th December—

Draft Ordinance [Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh, No. 3—Regulations for Degrees in Medicine, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 14, 15 and 16].

It was intimated to the Council that the Universities Commissioners had, on application, agreed to allow a short extension of time beyond 12th October, so as to give the Council an opportunity of considering both the above Draft Ordinances at its present meeting.

Report by the Business Committee on references from the Universities Commission.

The Business Committee submitted the following report on the foregoing references from the Scottish Universities Commission, viz. :—

"The Committee has met and considered the following Ordinances made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners, and laid before both Houses of Parliament on the 30th of July last, viz. :—

"Ordinance No. 151 [General, No. 34—Regulations as to Resignation of Principals and Professors].

"Ordinance No. 152 [General, No. 35—Regulations as to Examinations, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 13 and 43].

"Ordinance No. 153 [General, No. 36—Regulations as to Fees, supplementary to Ordinance No. 50].

"Ordinance No. 154 [General, No. 37—Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity, supplementary to Ordinance No. 63]. 14th Oct., 1896.

"When Drafts of these Ordinances were before the General Council, it was resolved to offer no observations upon them. The Committee is therefore of opinion that no objection should be taken to their being finally approved of by Her Majesty in Council.

"The Committee has also considered the following Draft Ordinances issued by the Commissioners, viz.:—

"Draft Ordinance [General, No. 40—Regulations for Degrees in Science, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 12, 22, 35 and 134], with relative letter from the Commission, dated 22nd May last, and

"Draft Ordinance [Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh, No. 3—Regulations for Degrees in Medicine, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 14, 15 and 16].

"DRAFT ORDINANCE [GENERAL, No. 40—REGULATIONS FOR DEGREES IN SCIENCE].

"By this Draft Ordinance the Commissioners propose to ordain that 'Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Pure Science, in Agriculture, or in Public Health may, in their Preliminary Examination, offer themselves for examination in Mathematics on the lower instead of on the higher standard, as defined by Section III. of Ordinance No. 11 [General, No. 6—Regulations for Degrees in Arts]: Provided that, in addition to the ancient or modern language already taken, they also offer themselves for examination in a modern language as a fifth subject, such further examination to be on the standard prescribed by the Joint-Board of Examiners for the Preliminary Examination under the provisions of Ordinances' Nos. 14, 15 and 16, regulating Degrees in Medicine.

"In the letter accompanying the Draft Ordinance it is explained by the Commissioners that the Draft had been issued by them in consequence of representations which had been made by the University Court and Senatus Academicus of the University of Edinburgh.

"'It has been represented to the Commission that the experience of the last few years shows the need of an alteration of the regulations for the Preliminary Examination of candidates for Degrees in Science. The Higher Standard in

14th Oct., 1896. Mathematics, which is obligatory on all such candidates, is said to bear hardly on those whose aptitudes lie in the direction of the Biological and Natural Sciences, rather than Mathematical or Physical Science. It has been found that candidates who have passed the other subjects of the Preliminary Examination with credit have failed in Mathematics, and, in many instances, have been obliged to abandon their intention of taking the degree.

"'In order to meet this difficulty, the Senatus and the Court of the University of Edinburgh have proposed that in the case of candidates for the Degree of B.Sc. in Pure Science, in Public Health, or in Agriculture, an alternative for Mathematics on the Higher Standard should be recognised by Ordinance. The option proposed is Mathematics on the Lower Standard, with the addition of a Modern Language as a fifth subject.

"'Before expressing any final opinion of their own on this very important question, the Commissioners desire to be favoured with the opinion of the various University Bodies in all the Universities. It appears to them that the best method for ascertaining the views of the Universities is to embody the proposal which has been laid before them in a Draft Ordinance. But it will be understood that the Ordinance is issued for consideration, and not as expressing conclusions at which the Commissioners have already arrived. They will be prepared to consider not only criticisms of the Ordinance itself, but also such general observations as the Universities may think fit to make upon the question that has been raised. They would, however, remind the Universities that if difficulty arises from any undue severity or other defect in the present method of setting the papers, the Examiners appointed by the Universities have the remedy in their own power. If, on the other hand, there appears to be good cause for an amendment of the existing regulations by Ordinance, the remedy must be consistent with the maintenance of the general standard of liberal education which the Preliminary Examination is designed to secure.'

"While entirely sympathising with a proposal to give a measure of relief to those candidates for Degrees in Science 'whose aptitudes lie in the direction of the Biological and Natural Sciences rather than Mathematical and Physical Science,' the Committee cannot approve of the change embodied in the Draft Ordinance. The addition of another language would make the number of subjects greater than is required for any other Faculty, and would warrant grave doubts whether any real relief would be given to the majority of students; for, as every candidate that did not take Dynamics as one of his subjects would be required to take

three languages in addition to English, it is not improbable that the proposed alternative would bear hardly on a larger number of candidates than it would relieve. 14th Oct., 1896.

"Further, it appears to the Committee that the proposed alternative is impracticable so long as all candidates for the B.Sc. Degree are required to take Natural Philosophy, because the amount of Mathematics guaranteed by the Lower Standard is insufficient to enable students to attend the Class in Natural Philosophy profitably.

"In the whole circumstances the Committee would suggest that in the Preliminary Examination in Science the *Intermediate* Standard in Mathematics should be substituted for the *Higher* Standard. This change would, in the opinion of the Committee, afford Science students sufficient relief, and make a fifth subject unnecessary.

"DRAFT ORDINANCE [GLASGOW, ABERDEEN, AND EDINBURGH, No. 3—REGULATIONS FOR DEGREES IN MEDICINE].

"By each of the three Ordinances (Nos. 14, 15, and 16) regulating Degrees in Medicine in the Universities of Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh respectively, it is provided (Section V.) that 'the Preliminary Examination shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance, General, No. 8 [Regulations as to Examinations]; and, subject to the provisions of the immediately succeeding section hereof, the entire Examination shall be passed at one and the same time, except in the case of students who, prior to the date at which this Ordinance shall come into operation, have passed a portion of the Preliminary Examination of the University, or of a Preliminary Examination recognised by the University'.

"By the Draft Ordinance under consideration, it is proposed to amend Section V., above quoted, by leaving out the words beginning 'the entire Examination' to the end of the section, and adding instead thereof the words, 'a candidate shall be obliged to pass in all the required subjects at one or not more than two examinations; provided that he may offer himself for re-examination as often as may be necessary to satisfy this condition'.

"In a note which accompanies the Draft Ordinance, it is explained by the Commissioners that the provisions of Ordinances Nos. 14, 15, and 16, prescribing that the entire Preliminary Examination in Medicine should be passed at one and the same time, were framed in order to satisfy the requirements of the General Medical Council; that the Commissioners had been informed of a resolution

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by the General Medical Council that this condition should be no longer enforced in so far as regards the Scottish Universities. 'They therefore consider that there is now no reason why the Regulations for the Preliminary Examination in Medicine should differ in this respect from those for the Preliminary Examination in Arts.'

"The Committee concurs in this opinion, and approves of the Draft Ordinance."

The Council proceeded to consider, *seriatim*, the recommendations made in the above report, with reference to the two Draft Ordinances now before the Council.

DRAFT ORDINANCE [GENERAL, No. 40—REGULATIONS FOR DEGREES IN SCIENCE, ETC.].

On the motion of Mr. Patrick Cooper, Convener of the Business Committee, seconded by the Rev. James Smith, B.D., Aberdeen, it was resolved to adopt the Committee's report on the above Draft Ordinance, and it was remitted to the Business Committee to prepare a Memorial embodying the views with reference to the Draft Ordinance expressed in the report, and to transmit the same to the Universities Commission.

DRAFT ORDINANCE [GLASGOW, ABERDEEN, AND EDINBURGH, No. 3—REGULATIONS FOR DEGREES IN MEDICINE, ETC.].

On the motion of the Convener, seconded by the Rev. D. G. Mearns, M.A., B.D., Oyne, it was resolved to adopt the Committee's report on the above Draft Ordinance, and the Council resolved accordingly to make no observations on the same.

Appointment of Business Committee.

It was unanimously resolved to appoint the Business Committee as under, viz.:—The Principal, the four Assessors in the University Court, and the Clerk of Council, all *ex officiis*; and Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B.; Alexander Bain, LL.D.; Alexander Thomas Gordon Beveridge, M.A., M.B., C.M.; Rev. David Brown, M.A., D.D.; Hugh Fraser Campbell, M.A., B.L.; Patrick Cooper, M.A.; Robert John Garden, M.D.; David Macbeth Moir Milligan, M.A.; Rev. Gordon John Murray, M.A., B.D.; Rev. James Robertson, M.A., D.D.; Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D. (Aberdeen):—Mr. Cooper to be Convener.

Appointment of the University Extension and Endowment Committee.

On the motion of Patrick Cooper, M.A., Aberdeen, seconded by Wm. Dey, M.A., LL.D., Aberdeen, it was resolved:—

"That the University Extension and Endowment Committee of the General Council be appointed as follows, viz.: —The Principal, the Assessors of the Council in the University Court, the Deans of the five Faculties and the Clerk of Council, all *ex officiis;* and P. J. Anderson, M.A., LL.B.; Alexander Bain, M.A., LL.D.; A. T. Gordon Beveridge, M.A., M.B., C.M.; Rev. David Brown, M.A., D.D., LL.D.; Hugh F. Campbell, M.A., B.L.; D. M. A. Chalmers, M.A.; Rev. James Cooper, M.A., D.D.; Patrick Cooper, M.A.; George M. Edmond, M.A., M.D.; Robert J. Garden, M.D.; David Littlejohn; David M. M. Milligan, M.A.; James Moir, M.A., LL.D.; Rev. Gordon J. Murray, M.A., B.D.; Joseph Ogilvie, M.A., LL.D.; Rev. James Robertson, M.A., D.D.; Rev. S. D. F. Salmond, M.A., D.D.; Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D.; and John F. White, LL.D.; and that the Committee have power to add to its number". **14th Oct., 1896.**

On the motion of the Rev. Jas. Smith, M.A., B.D., Aberdeen, Mr. Patrick Cooper was appointed Convener.

The meeting closed, *more solito*, with the Benediction.

(Signed) WM. D. GEDDES.

LXXIV. 14th April, 1897.

On the fourteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, the General Council of the University of Aberdeen met—the Rector in the Chair.

After prayer by the Rev. Professor Cowan, D.D., the Minutes of last meeting, held 14th October, 1896, were approved.

Annual Reports of the University for 1895-6, and Report thereon by the Business Committee.

There were laid before the Council from the Secretary for Scotland, in terms of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, copies of the Annual Reports of the University of Aberdeen, as under, viz.:—

(1) Report as to Statistics for the year from 1st October, 1895, to 30th September, 1896;

(2) Abstract of Accounts of the University for the year ending 15th September, 1896.

On the foregoing the Business Committee reported as follows:—

"These documents have been issued as Parliamentary Papers, and can be obtained by Members of Council at a nominal charge. The Business Committee, therefore, thinks it unnecessary to have them reprinted *in extenso*, but submits to the Council the following comparative Statement of the principal items in the Statistical Reports for the five years, 1891-2, 1892-3, 1893-4, 1894-5 and 1895-6. The Preliminary Examinations under the new Ordinances commenced in the academic year 1892-3.

"(1) NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

"*Faculties.*

		1891-2.	1892-3.	1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.
Arts	Winter	374	375	328	313	306
	Summer	—	5*	2*	6*	6*
Science	Winter	—	9	11	22	19
	Summer	—	3*	2*	1*	8*
Divinity ...		22	19	19	20	25
Law	Winter	46	46	45	45	50
	Summer	—	3*	—	3*	1*
Medicine	Winter	439	408	367	331	319
	Summer	33*	44*	38*	48*	48*
Total†		914	912	812	789	782
Of whom	Men	914	912	812	768	746
	Women	—	—	—	21	36

* These represent new students only, *i.e.*, such as were not matriculated in any Faculty for the previous Winter Session.

† The numbers of students at the other Scottish Universities for the same years were—

	1891-2.	1892-3.	1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.
St. Andrews	248	298	291	271	212‡
Glasgow	2133	2067	2054	1944	1835
Edinburgh	3368	3227	3064	2939	2825

‡ This does not include students in University College, Dundee.

"(2) NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN EACH CLASS.

"*Winter Session.*

	1891-2.	1892-3.	1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.
Latin, Junior	96	72	59	25	14
,, Middle	—	—	—	32	51
,, Senior	86	108	65	60	70
,, Honours ...	—	—	19	9	18
Greek, Junior	91	60	49	41	—
,, Middle	—	—	—	—	48
,, Senior	83	96	46	54	43
,, Honours ...	—	—	20	13	5
Hebrew, Junior ...	—	6	—	—	—
English...	105	103	86	78	73
French	—	—	7	16	22
German	—	—	3	2	8
Logic and Metaphysics	88	88	97	63	66
,, Honours... ...	—	—	—	7	8
Moral Philosophy ...	76	90	63	75	51
,, Honours	—	—	—	7	9
Education	—	—	20	38	30
Mathematics, Junior ...	84	86	63	25	17
,, Senior ...	87	71	77	60	42
,, Inter. Hons.	—	—	—	9	13
,, Honours	4	5	—	6	6
Natural Philosophy ...	100	82	96	83	52
,, Sen. (Gen.)	10	10	—	—	—
,, Sen. (Math.)	6	6	—	—	—
,, Honours ...	—	—	5	7	7
,, Laboratory	—	2	2	6	7
Natural History ...	97	91	—	—	—
Systematic Theology ...	21	18	19	20	24
Church History ...	12	13	18	19	24
Biblical Criticism ...	21	18	17	14	13
Hebrew and Semitic Lang., Senior	6	6	8	6	8
,, ,, Junior ...	7	7	8	8	9
,, ,, Arts Division	15	—	—	3	3
Scots Law	46	25	26	28	29
Conveyancing	—	23	23	17	21
Botany (Laboratory) ...	2	—	—	—	—
Natural History ...	6	9	—	—	—
Zoology	—	—	83	74	59
,, (Laboratory) ...	—	—	2	—	4
Geology	—	—	22	18	47
,, (Practical) ...	—	—	—	5	24

	1891-2.	1892-3.	1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.
Chemistry	146	138	151	101	135
,, (Laboratory)	3	6	4	8	5
Agriculture	—	—	—	—	20
Anatomy	172	156	116	97	83
,, (Practical) ...	298	262	227	175	182
,, (Laboratory) ...	—	—	—	1	1
Physiology	133	111	125	117	92
,, (Laboratory)	—	—	1	—	—
Materia Medica ...	98	79	91	73	68
,, (Practical)	—	—	18	—	—
Pathology	103	113	88	89	100
,, (Laboratory)	3	2	2	2	1
Medical Jurisprud. (Labor.)	2	3	3	1	2
Surgery	198	173	150	78	79
Medicine	109	112	85	89	83
Midwifery	99	102	80	82	61

"*Summer Session.*

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
English (Introductory)	—	—	—	—	11
Latin, Graduation ...	—	7	11	18	19
,, Honours ...	—	—	12	10	22
Greek, Tutorial ...	—	—	—	5	—
,, Graduation ...	—	3	9	1	13
,, Honours ...	—	—	10	10	22
Hebrew	—	—	—	—	2
Syriac	—	—	—	—	2
Mathematics, Graduation	—	1	6	8	4
,, Inter. Hons.	—	—	—	6	—
,, Honours	—	—	3	6	7
Natural Phil., Honours	—	—	—	6	6
Moral Philosophy, Honours	—	—	—	—	7
French	—	—	4	—	3
,, Junior	—	—	—	2	—
German	—	—	2	—	—
Logic, Honours ...	—	—	—	8	—
Roman Law	—	16	—	17	—
Botany	147	129	93	103	104
,, (Practical) ...	—	—	11	8	20
,, (Laboratory) ...	—	6	1	2	3
Zoology	117	95	51	54	54
,, (Practical) ...	15	22	23	21	25
,, (Laboratory) ...	—	1	—	2	—
Geology (Practical) ...	—	—	—	—	9
,, (Laboratory) ...	—	—	—	—	3
Physics	22	46	54	60	65

	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Chemistry (Organic) ...	—	7	9	7	3
,, (Practical) ...	99	88	74	51	77
,, (Laboratory)	2	5	11	8	9
Agriculture	—	—	—	—	11
Agricultural Chemistry	—	—	—	—	4
Anatomy (Practical) ...	253	153	141	117	139
,, (Laboratory)	—	4	—	1	—
Physiology (Practical)...	68	69	55	62	50
,, (Laboratory)	—	1	1	3	1
Materia Medica (Practical)	69	84	42	53	50
Pathology (Practical) ...	93	63	76	70	11
,, (System. & Pract.)	—	—	—	—	55
,, (Laboratory)	3	5	4	4	7
Med. Jurisprudence and Public Health ...	114	92	106	81	56
Practical Hygiene ...	9	6	—	—	—
,, (Laboratory)	3	6	3	4	7
Surgery (Operative) ...	93	87	44	—	—
Midwifery (Practical) ...	30	15	22	10	12

"(3) DEGREES GRANTED.

	1891-2.	1892-3.	1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.
Arts—M.A.	60	67	65	64	52
Of which with Honours :—					
Classics, First Class	2	3	4	3	3
,, Second Class	6	—	3	3	1
,, Third Class	—	—	—	—	3
Mathematics and Nat. Phil., First Class	—	4	1	1	3
,, Second Class	2	1	2	1	1
Mental Phil., First Class	2	—	1	2	3
,, Second Class	7	3	1	3	4
Nat. Sc., First Class	2	1	1	—	—
Science—B.Sc.	2	4	3	6	3
Of which with special distinction	—	—	—	5	1
Divinity—B.D. ...	7	7	6	7	2
Of which with Hons.	—	—	—	3	—
D.D.—Honorary ...	6	6	6	5	8
Law—B.L.	—	—	—	7	5
LL.D.—Honorary	8	6	10	9	25
Medicine—M.D. ...	24	12	11	13	19
Of which with Hons.	3	1	2	1	5
M.B. and C.M. ...	71	80	64	70	57
M.B. and Ch.B. ...	—	—	—	—	2
C.M.	—	—	1	—	1
Of which with Honours :—					

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	1891-2.	1892-3.	1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.
First Class	1	2	—	1	—
Second Class	8	3	7	7	2
Total Number of Degrees granted (other than Honorary Degrees) ...	164	170	150	168	141
,, Degrees with Honours ...	33	18	22	30	26
,, Hon. Degrees	14	12	16	14	33

"(4) GENERAL COUNCIL.

	1891-2.	1892-3.	1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.
Number of Members of General Council ...	3431	3448	3520	3584	3633

"(5) LIBRARY.

	1891-2.	1892-3.	1893-4.	1894-5.	1895-6.
Number of Books added to the Library, about	1350	1450	1200	1350	1837
Including presented works, upwards of	250	250	300	350	820"

On the motion of Patrick Cooper, M.A., Convener of the Committee, the foregoing Report was approved.

Ordinances Nos. 155 and 156 laid before Parliament.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission copies of the following Ordinances which, on 1st February, 1897, had been laid before both Houses of Parliament in terms of Section 20 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, viz.:—

Ordinance No. 155 [General, No. 38—Regulations for Degrees in Science, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 12, 22 and 134].

Ordinance No. 156 [Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh, No. 3—Regulations for Degrees in Medicine, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 14, 15 and 16].

and Report thereon by the Business Committee.

The Business Committee reported on the above as follows:—

"The Committee observes that the views of the General Council, as expressed at the last half-yearly meeting, with regard to the former of these Ordinances, have been so far given effect to. The Commissioners had proposed to allow candidates for the Degree of B.Sc. in certain branches to offer themselves for the Preliminary Examination in Mathematics on the lower instead of the higher standard, provided they also offered themselves for examination in a

modern language as a fifth subject. The General Council recommended that in the Preliminary Examination the intermediate standard in Mathematics should be substituted for the lower standard as proposed by the Commissioners, and that examination in a fifth subject should not be required. The Ordinance as now made provides that candidates for the Degree of B.Sc. in certain branches may at the Preliminary Examination offer themselves for examination in Mathematics on the intermediate standard, provided that in addition to the ancient or modern languages already taken they also offer themselves for examination in a modern language as a fifth subject. The candidates, however, are not to profess at the Final Science Examination Mathematics, Natural Philosophy or Astronomy, unless they have passed the Preliminary Examination in Mathematics on the higher standard. 14th April, 1897.

"The General Council offered no observations upon the latter of the two Ordinances when in draft.

"The Committee is of opinion that no objection should be taken to the final approval of both Ordinances by Her Majesty in Council."

On the motion of the Convener this report was approved.

There were laid before the Council from the Universities Commission, under Section 19 (2) of the Act of 1889, copies of the following three Draft Ordinances, issued respectively on the dates given below, with intimation in the case of each that the period of three months allowed by the Act, during which objections to the Ordinance, or any amendments proposed thereon, may be submitted to the Commission in writing, expires on the date named, viz. :— Three Draft Ordinances issued by the Commission.

(*a*) Of date 29th January, 1897—the three months expiring 29th April—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 39—Regulations for Degrees in Arts, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 11, 44 and 148].

(*b*) Of date 20th March, 1897—the three months expiring 20th June—

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 40—Regulations for Higher Degrees in Arts and Science, supplementary to Ordinance No. 62].

Draft Ordinance [General, No. 41—Regulations for Degrees in Arts, supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 11, 44 and 148].

On the foregoing the Business Committee reported as follows :— and Report thereon by the Business Committee.

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"DRAFT ORDINANCES [GENERAL, NOS. 39 AND 41—REGULATIONS FOR DEGREES IN ARTS, SUPPLEMENTARY TO ORDINANCES NOS. 11, 44 AND 148].

"By these Draft Ordinances the Commissioners propose to add to the Honours Departments for the Degree of M.A. a department of Economic and Political Science, *i.e.*, Political Economy, and either (*a*) Moral Philosophy or (*b*) History, and to provide that candidates for the Degree of M.A. with Honours in that department shall have attended a half-course in the History of Civil Law and a half-course in the Philosophy of Law. These two half-courses shall together be deemed to constitute one of the subjects in which the standard of examination is that required for the ordinary degree.

"By the latter of these Draft Ordinances the Commissioners propose to ordain that—

"'Notwithstanding the provisions of Section XI., sub-section (4), and Section XIV., sub-section (1) of Ordinance [No. 11, General, No. 6, regulating the course of study for graduation in Arts], a candidate who has already graduated may present himself for examination in any Honours Group within five years from the date of his first matriculation after having passed the Preliminary Examination. If he be successful in obtaining Honours, he shall receive a special certificate stating the Honours Group in which he has presented himself, and the class he has obtained in the Group.'

"DRAFT ORDINANCE [GENERAL, NO. 40—REGULATIONS FOR HIGHER DEGREES OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, SUPPLEMENTARY TO ORDINANCE NO. 62].

"By this Draft Ordinance the Commissioners propose to ordain that—

"'The thesis, memoir, or work submitted by candidates for the Degrees of Doctor of Science, Doctor of Philosophy, or Doctor of Letters shall in each case be examined by the additional examiner to be appointed by the University Court under the provisions of Section X. of the Ordinance' No. 62, regulating the manner in which higher degrees in Arts and Science may be granted, and that the University Court may appoint as additional examiners, under the provisions of that Ordinance, persons who are professors or lecturers in any Scottish University other than the University granting the degree.

"The Committee approves of these three Draft Ordinances and recommends the Council to offer no objections thereto."

On the motion of the Convener the foregoing Report was approved, and the Council resolved accordingly to make no observations on the above Draft Ordinances. 14th April, 1897.

The Council had before it the following communication from the University Court anent the Recreation Ground, viz. :— Communication from the University Court anent the Recreation Ground,

"UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
"19*th January*, 1897.

"DEAR SIR,

"At its last meeting the University Court had before it a Report, of date 2nd December, 1896, by the Finance Committee regarding the Recreation Ground at King's College, and, after consideration, resolved thereanent as follows :—

"'That copies of the Report by the Finance Committee regarding the Recreation Ground be sent to the Senatus Academicus, the General Council, the Students' Representative Council, and the Athletic Association, with a request that they will send to the Secretary of the University Court, not later than 1st May next, any observations which they may think it desirable to make upon it'.

"In terms of the foregoing resolution, I beg to forward herewith copy of the Report for consideration of the General Council as above.

"I am,

"To the CLERK of the
"General Council of the
"University of Aberdeen."

"Faithfully yours,
"ROBERT WALKER,
"*Sec., Univ. Court.*

REPORT BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

"The Court having, in terms of their resolution of 10th March, 1896, resumed possession of the Recreation Ground at King's College on 15th September last, the body which has hitherto had the management has continued in charge of it as an *interim* arrangement. It is now necessary to make an arrangement of a more permanent character, but before doing so some financial matters require settlement.

"The ground has hitherto been managed under an arrangement with the Aberdeen University Athletic Association. It does not exactly appear when this arrangement was made, but it was apparently concluded, so far as it ever was concluded, prior to the Universities Act of 1889. This arrangement, as well as the constitution of the Athletic Association, remained incomplete, and was never fully carried out. The ground prior to its being set apart in 1888 for athletics had been producing a rent of £32 8s., which formed a portion of some University salaries. To make up for the loss of this,

14th April, 1897. the Association agreed to deposit £1000 with the Senatus, without interest, and in the meantime to pay the old rent. The Association has unfortunately been unable to fulfil either of these obligations. The £1000 was never subscribed, and the rent was paid only down to Martinmas, 1891, leaving an arrear now due of £157. To meet its obligations the Association possessed at its last annual balance sheet the sum of £66 7s. 6d. in cash, but it makes various claims against the Court. It claims to be entitled to £248 10s. 10d. as the cost of laying out the grounds, and two sums of £200 and £100, which it says were presented to it by the Senatus, and it claims arrears of interest on them from the date of the alleged gift. The claim for improvements arises mainly from money got at a bazaar, which was expended upon the ground. The two alleged gifts were made some considerable time prior to the arrangement of 1888. They consisted of sums which the Senatus had received unconditionally, but which they resolved to devote to the promotion of athletics. These donations, which were never intimated by the Senatus to the Association, remained on the minutes without being carried into effect, and it is believed were superseded by the arrangement of 1888, when the ground was placed at the disposal of the Association at a sum far below its actual value. The fact that nothing was heard of these claims for some years shows sufficiently the understanding at the time. It is impossible for the Court to recognise any of the Association's claims. Even if they were good they fall far below the claims of the University against the Association; and, even if there had been a lease, it would be impossible for the Court to recognise as tenants a body unable to fulfil its obligations. Legally none of the claims on either side seem to have any value. There is nobody whom the Court can now hold responsible for what is due to it, and no one with any title to enforce the alleged claims against it. In these circumstances the Finance Committee propose that the claims on both sides should be wiped out.

"As regards the future, the Finance Committee propose that, so long as the Court think it for the good of the University, the ground should continue to be devoted to purposes of athletic recreation. It seems impossible to give any further undertaking, as the Court cannot tie its successors, but the propriety of keeping the ground for athletic purposes is so obvious that the probability of any change may be left out of view. The Finance Committee further propose that the ground should be given rent and tax free. This contribution to athletics the Finance Committee consider sufficient on the part of the University. Looking to

the present value of the ground it is really a handsome contribution, and it certainly is, in the present state of the University funds, all that can be given. The remainder must be made up by annual subscriptions from those taking the benefit of the ground and by friends desirous of encouraging athletics. 14th April, 1897.

"Two schemes have been proposed for the future management. One is to continue, with possibly some improvements, the present managing body. The other is to constitute for the purpose an entirely new Committee.

"The present managing body is called the 'General Committee'. The Athletic Association is composed of all the members of the various students' athletic clubs, such as the Cricket, Rugby, Association, Shinty, Boat and Gymnastic Clubs. Each of these clubs names two representatives on the General Committee. There are ten members on the Committee who represent the general body of the students, and three members are nominated by the Senatus. The five office-bearers of the Athletic Association complete the Committee. The advantage of the present system is that it gives a large representation to the students who take an active interest in athletics.

"Upon the other plan a new Committee would be formed containing representatives of the Court, Senatus, General Council, and Students' Representative Council, and possibly of other bodies.

"The Finance Committee hardly consider it to fall within their province to decide between the two schemes, and in any case, before a decision is arrived at, they think it would be prudent to obtain the opinions of the various bodies mentioned in the course of this report. The points to be kept in view are what Committee would be likely to be most successful in managing the ground and in obtaining the requisite funds. For the last three years, it may be added, the average sum derived from the students using the ground has been £6 16s., and from donations from friends £47 14s. It is believed that both of these sums might be increased.

"University of Aberdeen,
"*2nd December*, 1896."

On the above the Business Committee reported as follows:— and Report thereon by the Business Committee.

"The Business Committee has considered the Communication from the University Court on the subject of the Recreation Ground, to which an answer is requested not later than the 1st of May next. The question at issue is whether the present managing body, consisting of two

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representatives of each of the students' athletic clubs, ten representatives of the general body of students and three of the Senatus, should be continued, or whether a new managing body should be formed containing representatives of the University Court, the Senatus Academicus, the General Council, the Students' Representative Council and possibly of other bodies. In view of past experience of the management of the Recreation Ground and of its future requirements, the Business Committee ventures to think that a larger representation than is afforded by the present managing body should be given to those members of the University who might be relied on to assist in raising the requisite funds. The Committee therefore recommends the Council to approve of the proposed new Committee 'containing representatives of the Court, Senatus, General Council and Students' Representative Council, and possibly of other bodies,' provided that the students have a sufficient representation on this new Committee."

On the motion of the Convener, seconded by John E. Rae, M.A., Aberdeen, the above Report was approved, and the Council directed that a reply be sent to the University Court in favour of the proposed new Committee, provided that the students have a sufficient representation thereon.

Communication from the General Council of the University of Glasgow, and Report of the Business Committee thereon.

The Council had before it a communication anent University Statistics from the General Council of the University of Glasgow, on which the Business Committee reported as follows:—

"On the subject of University Statistics the following communication has been received by the Convener of the Business Committee:—

"'GLASGOW UNIVERSITY GENERAL COUNCIL,
"'156 ST. VINCENT STREET, GLASGOW,
"'*5th November*, 1896.

"'MY DEAR SIR,

"'At the Statutory half-yearly Meeting of our Council, held on 28th October, there was submitted by the Standing Committee on Educational Policy and Methods the report printed at pp. 20-25 of the enclosed.

"'The report was adopted by the Council; and I am now instructed respectfully to invite your attention to the recommendation at the top of p. 25. Our Council and its Committee are of opinion that great part of the value of such statistics must lie in their being got for the whole of the four Universities, and the Committee would therefore ask your kind co-operation so far as your University is concerned.

"'You will observe that our University officials complain of the labour involved in getting up these statistics, and we have said to our University Court that less elaborate statistics would suffice, the main thing wanted being the numbers for 1895-96 in each of the classes in Latin, Greek, and Mathematics (both qualifying and non-qualifying) who have passed the Preliminary Examination in the qualifying grade of the particular subject of the class, and who have not—the statistics to include both male and female students. 14th April, 1897.

"'You will observe at p. 25 that in the representation which we have made to our own Court we have suggested that it would be important that the Annual Statistical Account of the University should in future give the figures in this matter. I am not aware whether uniformity in the main shape of these annual reports has yet been attained by the four Universities; but if the idea commends itself to your Committee, we think that the proposed insertion of figures is more likely to be attained if all four University Courts are moved to do the same thing,

"'Yours faithfully,

"'PATRICK COOPER, Esq., "'ARCHIBALD CRAIG, *Clerk.*
"'42 Union Street, Aberdeen.'

"From the Report which accompanied the foregoing letter it appears that the General Council of the University of Glasgow has obtained from the University Court of that University information regarding the attendance of students in the classes of Latin, Greek and Mathematics qualifying for graduation in Arts, and also in the non-qualifying classes of those subjects under the following heads:—

"(1) How many students were attending each of the classes?

"(2) How many in each class had passed the Arts Preliminary Examination in the particular subject of the class or held the Leaving Certificate of the requisite grade?

"(3) How many in each class had passed the whole Arts Preliminary Examination according to Ordinance?

"On receiving that information the General Council of the University of Glasgow adopted the following resolutions:—

"'1. That the [Business] Committee be instructed to communicate with the other Universities, with the view of obtaining similar statistics.

"'2. That a representation be made to the University Court asking—

"'(1) That a statement of the Latin, Greek, and Mathematical classes similar to that given in the first

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and third Tables be included in the Annual Report of Statistics, etc., laid before the Secretary for Scotland.

"'(2) That the certificate granted in connection with every class should bear on the face of it whether or not the class is a degree-qualifying one, and whether or not the student has passed the Preliminary Examination in the subject of the class before entering it.

"'(3) That the University officials be instructed to differentiate in the class roll, at the time when these rolls are made up, between those students who have, and those who have not passed the Preliminary Examination in subject of class.'

"From a subsequent communication received by the Business Committee of the General Council of this University, it appears that the object which the General Council of the University of Glasgow has in view is:—

"'1. To ascertain how far the recent Act has tended to raise the standard of University education, and how far the University is still competing with Secondary Schools.

"'2. To give the Council a sound basis on which to calculate how long the non-qualifying classes in the University (avowedly only maintained to meet the needs of a transition period) are likely to continue in existence.

"'3. To see from the results whether the standard of the Preliminary Examination is fair and reasonable in the present circumstances.

"'4. To help the Council to form and guide public opinion so that in time the non-qualifying classes may disappear before a well-organised system of Secondary Education throughout the country.

"'5. To see that the qualifying students get the full benefit of their position, and that their progress is not hampered by the presence of a considerable non-qualifying element in the class which would have the natural tendency to lower the standard of instruction.'

"The Business Committee is of opinion that the General Council of this University should co-operate with the General Council of the University of Glasgow in regard to the various matters above referred to. The statistics desired ought to be procurable without much trouble and expense, and would form a valuable addition to the annual Report which is laid before the Secretary for Scotland.

The Business Committee agrees with that of the Glasgow University Council that in order to be of real value in the promotion of Secondary Education throughout the country it is essential that the statistics be got from all the Scottish Universities. 14th April 1897.

"The Business Committee therefore recommends that the Committee be instructed by the General Council (1) to apply to the University Court for information regarding the attendance of students in the qualifying and non-qualifying classes of Latin, Greek and Mathematics under the several heads above set forth, for the years 1895-6 and 1896-7; and (2) to take, in name of the General Council, by application to the Universities Commissioners or their successors and by representation to the University Court, such steps as will secure:—

"(*a*) That there be included in the annual report of Statistics, etc., laid before the Secretary for Scotland a statement of the number of students attending each of the qualifying and non-qualifying classes of Latin, Greek and Mathematics, showing how many in each class passed the Arts Preliminary Examination in the class-subject or hold the Leaving Certificate of the requisite grade and how many in each class have passed the whole Arts Preliminary Examination according to Ordinance;

"(*b*) That each Certificate granted in connection with every class should bear whether the class is one qualifying for graduation and whether the student has passed the Preliminary Examination in the class-subject before entering; and

"(*c*) That the University Officials be required to distinguish in the class rolls at the time when such rolls are made up between those students who have and those who have not passed the Preliminary Examination in the class-subject."

On the motion of the Convener the above Report was approved, and the Committee was instructed to make applications to the University Court and to the Universities Commissioners, or their successors, as recommended.

The Business Committee reported anent the printed Minutes of Council as follows:— Printed Minutes.

"The attention of the Business Committee has been called by the University Librarian to the collection of the printed Minutes of the General Council, and the Committee has been requested to complete the first volume of these Minutes and to place at the disposal of the Librarian a supply of

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"The Business Committee has instructed the Clerk of Council to transmit to the Clerks of the General Councils of the other Scottish Universities for the use of the members of their Standing Committees copies of the printed papers issued to members of this Council, and to ask in return copies of the papers printed by the other General Councils for the use of the members of the Committees of this Council."

On the motion of P. J. Anderson, M.A., LL.B., seconded by Prof. Trail, the Council approved of the action of the Business Committee with reference to the exchange of printed papers among the General Councils of the Scottish Universities, and also of the Committee's proposal as to closing the first volume of the Minutes—except that, on the suggestion of the Principal, it was resolved to include the Minutes of this day's meeting, when approved, so that the Minutes of both meetings of the Council for the current Academic year may appear in the volume.

Report of the University Extension and Endowment Committee.

There was laid before the Council the following Report of the University Extension and Endowment Committee, viz. :—

"At its half-yearly meeting in April, 1896, the General Council adopted the Report of the Business Committee recommending that an Association should be formed under the auspices of the General Council for the purpose of diffusing information as to the wants of the University, of collecting funds by means of subscriptions, donations and legacies, and of applying the same to purposes tending to promote the efficiency of the University as a seat of learning; and it was referred to the Business Committee, with other members of Council added thereto, to take such steps as might be necessary for carrying into effect the recommendation contained in the Report.

"At the half-yearly meeting in October last, a verbal report was made to the Council by the Convener of the Business Committee, and the University Extension and Endowment Committee named above was thereupon appointed to carry out the remit made by the Council at the preceding April meeting.

"In terms of the reference by the General Council, the Committee proceeded to form an Association for the pur-

pose above specified, and with that object drew up a Constitution and invited the co-operation of the University Officers and others interested. A considerable number have already intimated their willingness to become members; and the Committee have arranged that the inaugural meeting of the Association shall be held on the day of the April meeting of the General Council, for the adoption of the Constitution and the election of a Board of Management and Office-bearers. 14th April, 1897.

"The following is the

"CONSTITUTION OF THE ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION.

"1. The Name of the Association is the ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION. Name.

"2. The Objects for which the Association is formed are— Objects.

"(*a*) To diffuse information regarding the wants of the University of Aberdeen, and

"(*b*) To collect Funds by means of Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies, and to apply the same to the further Extension and better Endowment of the University, and to such other purposes tending to promote the efficiency of the University as a seat of learning as may be agreed upon by the Association in general meeting.

"3. (1) Every Person who shall pay to the Association an annual subscription of not less than half a guinea shall be a Member thereof during the currency of such subscription. Membership.

"(2) Every Person who shall give to the Association a donation of not less than five guineas shall be a Member thereof for life.

"(3) The Executor or Executors or the Nominee or the Nominees of every Person who shall bequeath to the Association money or property to the amount or value of not less than £50 shall be a Member or Members of the Association for life; provided that not more than one such Executor or Nominee shall be entitled to life membership in respect of every £50 in money or property so bequeathed to the Association.

"4. (1) The Business of the Association shall be managed by a Board consisting of a President, two or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and not more than ten other Members of the Association, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Association in general meeting. Board of Management.

"(2) At each annual general meeting of the Association

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the two members of the Board who have been longest in office, other than the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall retire from the Board and be ineligible for re-election thereto before the next ensuing annual general meeting. The order of retirement of the original members of the Board, other than as aforesaid, shall be determined by lot.

"(3) The Board shall have power to appoint its own Chairman and to fill up for the unexpired portion of the year any casual vacancies which may occur in its number.

"(4) At all meetings of the Board five members shall be a quorum.

General Meetings.

"5. (1) A general meeting of the Association shall be held once in every year, at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Management, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of the Income and Expenditure of the Association and a Report of the proceedings of the Board during the preceding year, of considering and determining any matters submitted to it, and of electing the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and other Members of the Board for the ensuing year. The first general meeting of the Association shall be convened by the University Extension and Endowment Committee of the General Council of the University.

"(2) The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, and shall, upon a requisition in writing by not fewer than ten members of the Association, convene a special general meeting of the Association.

"(3) Seven days' notice at the least, specifying the place, the day and the hour of every general meeting, and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat, shall be given by advertisement inserted once in each of two newspapers published in Aberdeen.

"(4) At all meetings of the Association ten members shall be a quorum.

Application of Funds.

"6. The Income and Property of the Association shall, after providing for the necessary expenses of management, be applied towards the objects of the Association in such manner as may be determined by the Association in general meeting, after consideration of a Report submitted to it by the Board of Management and subject to the consent of the University Court of the University after consultation with the Senatus Academicus thereof.

General.

"7. (1) The Association may in general meeting from time to time, by passing a special resolution in manner

hereinafter mentioned, alter all or any of these Articles or make new Articles to the exclusion of or in addition to all or any of these Articles: and any Articles so made shall be deemed to be part of the Constitution of the Association, and shall be subject in like manner to be altered or modified by any subsequent special resolution of the Association. 14th April, 1897.

"(2) A resolution shall be deemed to be special which has been passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the members of the Association present at any general meeting of which notice, specifying the intention to propose such resolution, has been duly given, and has been confirmed by a majority of the members present at a subsequent general meeting, of which notice has been duly given, held at an interval of not less than fourteen days nor more than one month from the date of the meeting at which such resolution was first passed."

Patrick Cooper, M.A., Convener of the Committee, further reported that the inaugural meeting of the Association had been held that day, under the presidency of the Rector, when the Association was duly constituted.

On the motion of Professor Davidson, LL.D., seconded by Professor Trail, M.D., F.R.S., it was unanimously resolved as follows, viz.:—

"The General Council receives with satisfaction the report of its Committee announcing the formation of the Aberdeen University Endowment Association, and commends the Association to the sympathy and liberality of the University and of the public".

Appointment of Business Committee.

It was unanimously resolved to appoint the Business Committee as under, viz.: The Principal, the four Assessors in the University Court, and the Clerk of Council, all *ex officiis;* and Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B.; Alexander Bain, LL.D.; Alexander Thomas Gordon Beveridge, M.A., M.B., C.M.; Rev. David Brown, M.A., D.D.; Hugh Fraser Campbell, M.A., B.L.; Patrick Cooper, M.A.; Robert John Garden, M.D.; David Macbeth Moir Milligan, M.A.; Rev. Gordon John Murray, M.A., B.D.; Rev. James Robertson, M.A., D.D.; Rev. James Smith, M.A., B.D. (Aberdeen): Mr. Cooper to be Convener.

The meeting closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

(Signed) HUNTLY.

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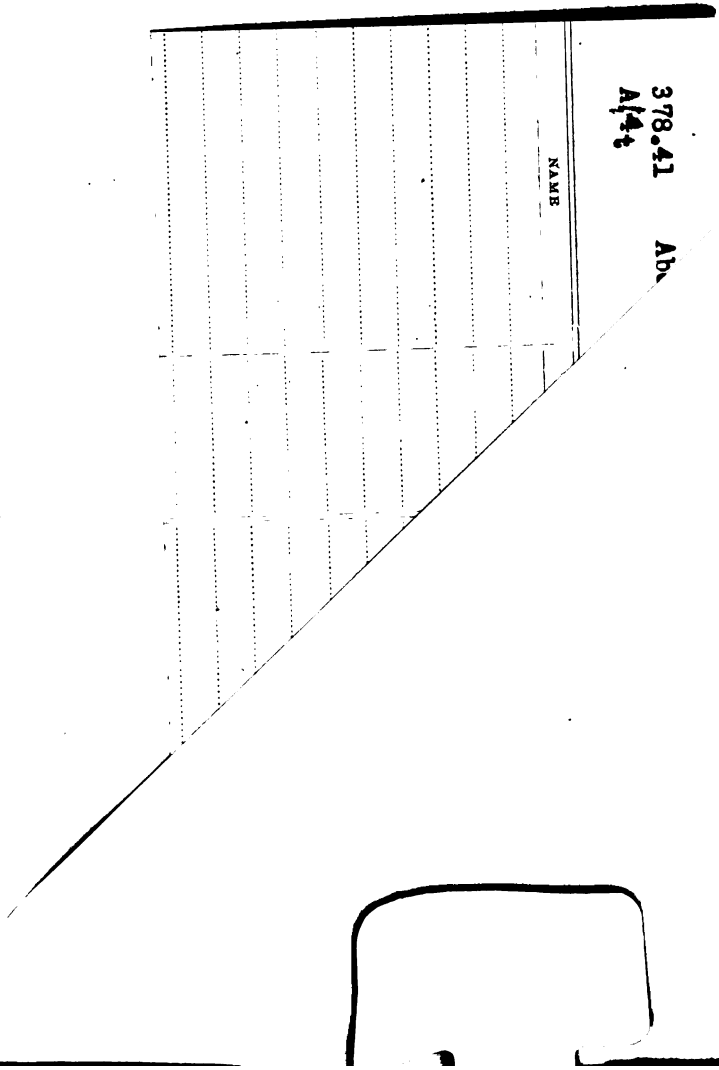
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